Life Group Questions

The Heavens Declare (Psalm 19:1-6)

Instructions: A life group is like family. It is a time of growing in Jesus together, caring for each other, and living out Jesus' mission together. It's good to begin with prayer and a couple of the CONNECT questions. Then read the Scriptures and discuss using the provided questions as a guide. Make sure to conclude with an "I will" statement to apply the passage and finish with a time of prayer together.

CONNECT Questions

- 1. Pastor Don mentioned a variety of ways people connect with God (singing, creating, dance, service, promoting justice, quiet and simplicity, study, and being in Creation). What way(s) do you primarily connect with God. Explain.
- 2. From Sunday's message, is there a thought or idea from Sunday's message that especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, or surprised you?
- 3. Share something you are thankful for or a challenge you are facing right now.
- 4. How did you do with your last "I Will" statement?

READ Psalm 19:1-6

- 1. What is the psalmist saying in this passage? What response are they hoping for in the reader?
- 2. What stands out to you?
- 3. How do you personally see God's nature and character reflected in Creation?
- 4. What parts of creation most inspire you and help you feel connected to God?
- 5. Do you have any caricatures of God that you struggle with? (The hall-monitor God, the DMV God, the mean judge, etc.) If so, how is God different from your caricatures?
- 6. What do you learn about God in this passage? (his character, his ways, etc.)
- 7. What do you learn about people in this passage? (yourself, others)

LIVE IT OUT

- 1. Create an "I Will...' statement" about how you can live this out in the next few days.
- 2. How is this passage calling our group to live out God's mission to bless others?

PRAY

3. Close your time together by praying the "<u>The Welcoming Prayer</u>" together. Download at (avalonchurch.org/WelcomingPrayer).

