

FOCUSING MORE CLEARLY
ON WHAT IS IMPORTANT: GOD

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Sermon Title: Passionately Devoted to God	
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Opening Question: <i>Where is the most beautiful place you have ever been in the world? What was it about that place's beauty that struck you?</i>	Relational
Read Together: Psalm 19:1-4; Psalm 139: 13-17	Scripture
Big Idea: Somebody went to a lot of trouble to make it possible for us to be on Planet Earth. And that same Somebody created us with incredible design and purpose.	Focus on the point
Discussion Questions: 1. Read Psalm 19:1-2. What purpose do the heavens and skies serve for us? 2. Read Psalm 19:3-4. As you connect these verses to verses 1 and 2, what message does the "voice" of nature and creation announce? 3. Read Romans 1:18-20. What is the end result of our being able to hear creation's voice speaking to us? 4. Read Psalm 139:13-17. What does David write about God's connection to who we are? 5. What do these two psalms tell you about yourself and the world you live in? 6. Imagine that someone calls you one evening and shares with you that they are thinking about ending their life because it has become so hopeless. They give you an hour over coffee to try to talk them out of their plan. What would you say to them? How would you use Psalm 19 and Psalm 139 to make your point?	Understand the text What does it mean? What does it mean for me? Where am I at?
Challenge: This week make a commitment to take some time each day to identify the beauty all around us in creation. Take an hour some evening to drive to the western edge of Calgary, pull over in some quiet spot, read Psalm 19 and 139 through and thank God for what He has created.	What am I going to do about it?
Prayer: Ask God to help you see those in your world – among your family, friends, coworkers and neighbours – who need your encouragement today. Ask God for an opportunity to share with them what you've been learning about God's great care and connection to our world and our bodies.	Bring it all to Jesus
Next Step: If you enjoyed last weekend's message, you may value watching the video "Indescribable" by Louis Giglio. If you're interested, it can be viewed at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oNgJhuICrVA .	Go deeper on your own or as a group