



THEME

Awe + Wonder

ANCHORED TO TRUTH

Psalms 138, Psalm 139, Psalm 118:19-24, Isaiah 66:2, Matthew 7:28, Matthew 18:1-5

CONVERSATION

1. Can you remember something you found **so amazing** that you reflexively laughed out loud?
 - a. Why does that happen - why does incredible make us laugh?
 - b. Have you ever been so amazed by something that it literally brought tears to your eyes?
 - c. How could **wonder + awe** bring actual tears to our eyes? What's happening inside us?
2. A [Secular Study](#) found Awe is a key to **humility** (they actually studied people in Yosemite being confronted by the beauty + scale of the landscape). Talk about how awe + wonder can put our hearts in the "right place".
 - a. What kind of things regularly steal God-focused awe + wonder - putting our hearts in a sketchy spot?

3. Look at [Matthew 18:1-5](#)

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

2 He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. 3 And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

4. Talk about the role a God-focused wonder has in a child-like faith?
 - a. Sounds like Jesus feels pretty strong about this kind of faith (we won't enter his kingdom without it) Why is it so important to Jesus - specifically, what ingredients along with awe make it so important?
5. How do you feel about this quote? "*Awe, like a balloon, expands and shrinks to take the size of its subject. Our amazement at God is meant to gradually increase as we get to know God more and perceive more of his excellencies.*" - Joshua Lemayian
6. What things most often distract us + shrink the size of our 'God balloon'?
 - a. Talk about the influence Social Media has on our God-focused wonder. Consider this: "*numerous studies have shown, social media gradually but surely impairs our ability to pay attention. While awe requires undivided attention, social media thrives on distracted attention. To be amazed by God we must dwell on his words and his works. On the other hand, social media seeks to deliver wonder through cursory views and quick takes.*" -Joshua Lemayian
 - b. Is it actually possible in the modern world to give God moments of undivided attention?
 - i. Have you experienced this? If so, what were the benefits?
 - ii. Any tips on how to find moments that are undistracted +God-focused?
7. Does this equation make sense? {Distracted Hearts} lead to {Less Awe + Wonder} leads to {Dissatisfaction with our Faith}
 - a. Have you experienced this?
 - b. What does **dissatisfaction with our faith** lead to?

PRAY TOGETHER