Sermon Title: Creation Whispers, But Jesus Shouts

Series: Connecting with God

# **Life Group Discussion Guide**

#### **Welcome & Getting to Know One Another**

Ice Breaker Question: Share your name and describe a natural place or scene that left you in awe. Why did it impact you so deeply?

#### Centering

Take a quiet moment to center your souls on God's presence. Have one member read the following Scripture aloud slowly, 3 times, allowing space for silent reflection after each reading. Participants may close their eyes, take a deep breath, and prayerfully listen, allowing the words to speak to them. Conclude with a brief opening prayer, inviting God to guide your discussion and open your hearts to His teachings.

## Scripture Reference: Romans 1:20

"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse."

## **Exploring**

Today, we explore the profound truth of how creation subtly hints at the magnificence of God, juxtaposed against the bold declarations of Jesus Christ. This discussion will focus on understanding how the whispers of creation and the shouts of Jesus lead us towards a deeper connection with God. For those unfamiliar with the content, this will provide a foundational understanding of today's theme.

#### Scripture Reference: Psalm 19:1-4

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge."

- 1. Reflect on a time when nature made you feel close to something greater than yourself. How did that moment relate to the idea that creation whispers God's power and divinity?
- 2. Considering Romans 1:20, what are "God's invisible qualities," and how do we see them in the world around us?
- 3. How does the silence of the skies in Psalm 19 contrast with the active role of Jesus in revealing God's nature?
- 4. How does the concept of "Creation Whispers, But Jesus Shouts" influence our understanding of connecting with God?
- 5. Discuss a personal experience where Jesus' presence felt more like a shout than a whisper in your life.

- 6. How can we balance our admiration for creation with our worship of the Creator?
- 7. In what ways does Jesus' ministry and actions (Colossians 1:15-17) amplify the whispers of creation?
- 8. Share how understanding Jesus as the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15) affects your faith.

# **Ending**

Break into smaller groups of two or three to pray for one another concerning the challenges you might be facing this week. Share one area of your life where you feel challenged to live out the teachings from today's discussion. Pray for each other, asking for guidance and strength to be more aware of both the whispers of creation and the shouts of Jesus in your daily lives.