

Bible Talk Outline

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Bible reading: Psalm 115

Big Idea

We're made to glorify God—not ourselves or idols—and find joy and purpose in trusting and praising him.

1. Live for God's Glory and Name (Psalm 115:1–3)

- i. "Not to us, Lord, not to us, but to your name be the glory... (115:1).
- ii. Glory = Give dignity, and value deserving of God, to God. Do the things that bring God's purpose to bear upon the world.
- iii. God deserves glory because of his love and faithfulness.
- iv. His name represents his character = think child hearing "Mum".
- v. Even when we can't see God, he rules from heaven and acts in love.

Reflection: Are you living to glorify God or yourself?

2. Don't Live for the Mannequins' Fame (Psalm 115:4–8)

- i. Idols look impressive, but they're lifeless.
- ii. We become like what we worship (115:8).
- iii. Modern idols? Phones, status, approval, comfort—good things turned into ultimate things.

Challenge: What's getting your attention, time, and trust?

3. Trust the Lord and Give Him Praise (Psalm 115:9-18)

- i. God is your help and shield- he acts, blesses, remembers (115:9-12).
- ii. He's involved in everyday life and delights in his people.
- iii. Praising God is our purpose (115:17-18).

When God became one with hands, feet, a mouth and eyes...

- i. Jesus, the true image of God, broke the power of idols and brings us into glory.
 - a. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14.

Challenge: Do our kids see God as real in our lives?

Remember

Humanity's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.

(Westminster Shorter Catechism)

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