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God Cares for His Creatures

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

⇒ How BIG is your God?

SUMMARY

In this session, we will explore some basic truths about who God is. God is greater than anything else we have ever known. In fact, He is beyond everything that we know. And yet, He is nearer to us than anything else. Through Christ, He created and cares for all things.

LISTEN

“O Lord my God, You are very great...” - Psalm 104:1b

- One word to describe God is “beyond.” God is *beyond* time and space. God is *beyond* finite minds.
- Nobody completely understands God.
- Another word to describe God is “near.”
- God has a plan .
- God has a purpose.
- God acts in our lives.

Notes

DISCUSS

- What do you think of the professor's statement quoted at the beginning of the message? *"If you don't believe that God ordained all things, you are basically an **atheist**."*
- Why does it matter how big your God is?
- Do people have a hard time believing that *"God unchangeably ordained whatever comes to pass?"* Why or why not?
- What beliefs and/or actions follow from the belief that God is *transcendent*?
- What beliefs and/or actions follow from the belief that God is *immanent*?
- Describe a situation in which you were moved to heartfelt praise of God. Then, describe a situation in which you were discouraged about life. How were those situations related to your view of God?
- What did you learn tonight that equips you to help others develop a bigger view of God, and to grow their praise to Him?

FOLLOW UP

Key Readings

- ◆ Ephesians 1:3-14
- ◆ Romans 11:33-36
- ◆ Genesis 1 & 2
- ◆ Psalm 104
- ◆ Psalm 145

How do each of these passages describe God's *transcendence* and/or *immanence*? How is God over and beyond His Creation (including us)? How is He near to us?

What questions come to mind as you consider these passages?