

A Community Chronicle

What Kind of World Are We In? – I Chronicles 16

Discussion Points

November 10, 2019

Read & Reflect

1. Read I Chronicles 15:25-16:3. Gain a sense of the broader context starting in chapter 13 of David establishing his empire. Bringing in the ark of God is King David's first reported action in his kingdom. What might that imply about the nature of David's rule over God's people?
2. Read I Chronicles 16:7-36. Read it a second time to become more familiar with phrases and themes. Which parts of the "psalm" do you recognize from other psalms? Which parts stand out for you?

Explore

3. What are some of the disorienting things in your life that make you wonder "which way is up? (For example, "When I get to heaven I'm going to ask God why. . ." What might be that question you want to ask God about).
4. How can you orient yourself to the holiness of God in this world?
 - I need to change something in my life to conform to God's will.
 - I could challenge myself more often with how I view what's mine and what's God's.
 - I shape my view of the world in terms of everything belonging to God (everything is sacred).
 - I want to approach more of my life with reverence and awe by: _____.
5. Sometimes we are so focused on our own "world" we forget God is still and always busy renewing the world. Consider some "new things" that God might be doing around you, or in you?
6. If your life is a song, what is the title? What kind of "song" have you been singing lately?
 - I can't get no satisfaction
 - Praise God from whom all blessings
 - What a Wonderful World
 - Money, Money, Money
 - I'm a Loser
 - _____
7. How will you praise God this week?

Pray

- Use the psalm of I Chronicles 16 as prayers of praise to God.
- After the prayers of praise, allow yourselves a time of silence. The silence can make you aware that you stand on holy ground whenever and wherever you are in God's presence.

