



## SERIES OVERVIEW

For this year's Summerfest, we'll be exploring four biblical threads in which the biblical authors use imagery from the natural world to convey profound truths about God. Like all good literary imagery, these four images (oceans, mountains, trees, and deserts) have many, *many* layers and invite deep introspection and meditation.

## WEEK 1 - OCEANS OVERVIEW

All throughout the Bible we see the sea/ocean depicted as a realm of chaos and disorder. The biblical authors use the dark waves of the sea and the monsters who live in its depths to describe everything from corrupt tyrants to the human condition to the ultimate power of our God. When woven together, these threads tell a beautiful story of God's care, compassion, and power over the chaos and fear of our lives.

*"Who kept the sea inside its boundaries?... I said, 'This far and no farther will you come. Here your proud waves must stop!'"*  
**Job 38:8-11**

**Bible Project Video:** <https://bibleproject.com/videos/chaos-dragon/>

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Barry shared that **"Chaos is no threat to God!"** How do you typically respond to chaos?
2. Why do you think God sometimes allows chaos instead of removing it immediately?
3. What kinds of chaos or disorder are you facing right now?
4. When life feels out of control, what are you most tempted to trust instead of God?
5. What evidence do you see that God is in control, even when your circumstances seem out of control?
6. Read [Genesis 1:1-9](#), [Exodus 14:21-29](#), [Psalm 46](#), [Isaiah 43:1-3](#), [Job 38:8-11](#), [Philippians 4:4-9](#). Share the scripture that brings you the most hope when life feels overwhelming.
7. How is God's peace different from simply having an easy or trouble-free life?
8. What practical step can you take this week to entrust your fears or circumstances to God?