**The Names of God**

**“Aster Lampros Proinos”**

**Bright Morning Star**

**\* When was the last time you went “star gazing”?**

**\* Where were you?**

**\* What stars or constellations did you see?**

**Note: there are multiple free “star gazer” apps for your phone that are fun to try out with the kids/grand kids.**

**In the last chapter of Revelation, Jesus uses a name that refers to Himself as the bright and morning star. In ancient times, the morning star was thought of as a herald of the new day, signaling the dawn of hope and joy.**

**Rev. 22.12-16**

**12 “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done.**

**13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”**

**14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.**

**15 Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.**

**16 “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”**

**In Biblical times, Venus was referred to as the morning star. Venus is Earths closest neighbor and is often called our sister planet. It appears often right before dawn in the eastern sky.**

**Discussion questions:**

**1. Throughout time, stars have been used by travelers as reference points. How does Jesus function as a reference point in our world and in your life?**

**2. Jesus used this name to describe Himself in reference to His second coming.**

**What is your attitude toward the 2nd coming? Fear, doubt, hope… joy?**

**3. The morning star announces the dawn of a new day. Jesus also said:**

**Revelation 21:5**

**And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”**

**What are some “new things” our world needs right now?**

**4. The heavens**

**Psalm 19.1**

**The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.**

**How is Gods glory revealed through the sky and the heavens?**

**Conclusion:**

**We are living in extra ordinary times. Our routines have been disrupted and we are left wondering if/when life will return to normal.**

**Until then remember:**

**2 Timothy 1:7**

**For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**