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#1 (Lead-in) *Psalm 8 is a song of praise--God's divine splendor is proclaimed. Humanity's role as "doing the work of God's hands" calls into question all human violence and selfishness. When we fail to perform our role in God's plan, the order of God's intent is upturned.*

Psalm 8:1-4 (NLT)

¹O LORD, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens.
²You have taught children and infants to tell of your strength, silencing your enemies and all who oppose you. ³When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—the moon and the stars you set in place—⁴what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them?

#2 (Lead-in) *We are called to put our house in order, and to live peaceably.*

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 (NLT)

¹¹Dear brothers and sisters, I close my letter with these last words: Be joyful. Grow to maturity. Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet each other with a sacred kiss. ¹³All of God's people here send you their greetings.

#3 (Lead-in) *Disciples do not live for themselves. We are called to create a world-wide community, living out Jesus' teachings and Way.*

Matthew 28:16-20 (NLT)

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted!
¹⁸Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.
¹⁹Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."