

Living for the Glory of God (3 of 4)
Small Group Discussion Questions

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Sunday, May 19th, 2024



Series Focus:

God's glory is a concept that can seem difficult to grasp or even make us feel distant from God. We might think about his majesty, power, or greatness. Maybe we refer to his creation as "glorious" if we're basking in the sun or overlooking a beautiful vista. But the Apostle Paul tells us to do everything for the glory of God (1 Cor 10:31). What does that mean and how can we live up to it? Throughout the month of May, we will explore what God's glory is, how we are part of it, and how we live for it in our everyday lives.

Sermon Title: Jesus is the Full Revelation of God's Glory

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-4, 14; 2:1-11; Heb 1:3; Col 1:15; Rev 19:6-9

Sermon Focus: Jesus alone perfectly reflects God's glory. Through his life, teaching, and miracles, Jesus displayed his Father's character and power. Jesus was most glorified in his death and resurrection. In the third message of our series, Grantham Church member Jonathan Owen will help us see how Jesus discretely revealed God's compassion and his power over the natural world at a wedding in Cana, and will encourage us to trust God and await the day when we will fully behold God's glory upon Jesus' return.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. Have you known someone who (or have you yourself) ever thought God's desire for people to live for his glory was about his self-promotion? What does the fact that God is jealous for his glory really mean? How do we learn God's true heart?
2. Read John 2:1-11. What was at stake for the newlywed couple in running out of wine? What aspects of God's heart and character does Jesus reveal in this story?
3. Have you ever felt the shame of messing up something important? Have you experienced rescue from the God who looks like Jesus?
4. When the disciples experience God's glory through this miracle of Jesus, they respond with belief. What kind of experiences of God have prompted or strengthened your faith?
5. John 17:1 indicates that the hour when Jesus will be glorified is when he suffers and dies on the cross. What does this tell us about God's glory and how he wants to be known? Are you eager for the God who looks like Jesus to be known through your life? What does that look like?
6. Read Revelation 19:6-9. How does this relate to the story in John 2? How does the idea that there is a day to come when we will fully behold God's glory give you hope?
7. If you had a friend who was skeptical about Christianity because they struggled with understanding how the God of the Old Testament is the same as that of the New, how might you engage with them? How would the things we've been learning the last few weeks possibly speak to them (God's glory, character presence, and how Jesus reflects him)?