

Living for the Glory of God (1 of 4)
Small Group Discussion Questions

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Sunday, May 5th, 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: What were we made for? Living for God's Glory

Scripture Reading: Psalm 8; Gen 1:26-28; Rom 1:21-23; 3:23; Heb 2:5-9

Sermon Focus: As humans, we can spend a lot of time trying to understand and convey our significance. We communicate it through the clothes we wear, the messages we display, the music we listen to, and the stories we tell. From the first pages of Scripture, our life purpose is defined for us. And Jesus ultimately shows us what it really looks like to be human. In the first message of our series, Pastor Melissa unpacks what living for God's glory means and invites us to enter into our human vocation.

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

1. When you talk to your friends, neighbors, and co-workers, what do you sense they feel is their purpose in life?
2. Read Psalm 8. What does this Psalm tell us about God's attributes and actions? What does it tell us about humans, our status in creation and our God-given purpose?
3. Instead of reflecting God's glory (his "weight" or significance) to the world, we've often sought to highlight our glory/importance apart from God. What does this look like in your life? Consider what you post on social media, the stories you tell about your life, the ways you display material significance, etc. How does this exchange of glory affect our relationships, communities, mental health, etc.? How is living for God's glory better?
4. Pastor Melissa talked about how humans, as image-bearers of God, reflect his glory by enacting his rule over creation: demonstrating God's way of love, peace, justice, generosity, etc. and taking creation into new, uncharted territory through industry, friendship, creativity, etc. What is a positive example of this you've experienced recently?
5. Through his death, Jesus Christ restores our God-given glory and shows us how to be human: to rule through self-sacrifice. How is God inviting you to enact his rule in the world in the way of Jesus this week?
6. If you were having a conversation with a friend about their significance in this life (or maybe about Billie Eilish's song "What Was I Made For?"), how could you encourage them with what we've been processing today?
7. As you pray, share the name of a person in your life whom you hope will come to know their God-given purpose.