



Group Discussion Guide: God Is Glorious | October 3, 2021

Begin with Scripture + prayer (5 minutes).

Read Psalm 96. Once finished, spend a few moments in prayerful silence. Finally, after conversation, have a specified person in the group pray for your time together.

Split out into triads and recap last week's devotionals (15 minutes).

- What from the devotionals this past week resonated with you? What deepened your faith? Explain.
- Which day of devotions challenged you the most? Why?
- What might God be inviting you into as a result of your devotional time this past week?

Come back together as a large group, read Scripture, and debrief the sermon as one large group (45 minutes).

- What stood out from your smaller group discussions regarding your devotions this past week?
- So, this week we're talking about God being glorious. But do you find God to be glorious? Why or why not?
- Go around and have different people read the following passages of Scripture aloud: **Psalm 29:1-5, 7-9; John 1:14; Romans 1:21-22; 1 Corinthians 10:31; 1 Timothy 1:17; Hebrews 1:3; Revelation 4:1-5:14.** What do these few verses teach us about God's glory?
- How has God's glory impacted the decisions you make daily? When has his glory moved you, like a great, big propeller moves a giant ship?
- In this sermon, Dan mentioned four points about God's glory: (1) God wants us to appreciate His glory; (2) We are transformed when we behold God's glory; (3) We exchange God's glory for our own; and (4) We should live for God's glory alone. Which of these four points resonated with you most? Why? Which challenged you the most?



- In talking about how we are transformed when we behold God’s glory, Dan quoted G.K. Beale who said, “We become what we worship.” Do you agree or disagree? Where have you seen this phenomenon at work in your own life?
- If your friends were to write a biography describing who you are based on what they know about you and based on your actions, what or who do you think they’d say you worship?
- It may sound a bit harsh, but when have you exchanged God’s glory for something else? Something “created”? What consequences has that had in your life?
- What are subtle, practical ways you think people exchange God’s glory for something else in today’s age?
- Do you think it’s still wrong to exchange God’s glory for something else even when you don’t see the consequences of it? Explain.
- Would you say you “Live for God’s glory alone?” Why or why not? If not, what’s keeping you from fully exclaiming, “YES!”
- What questions did this message raise for you?

Series Recap Prayer Practice (30 minutes).

Now that we’ve spent nine weeks covering different attributes of God’s character, let’s take a few moments to pause and reflect on where we’ve been.

If you remember, much of the reasoning behind why we embarked on this series was because of our belief, in conjunction with A.W. Tozer, that, “The most important thing about a person is what they think about when they think about God.”

1. Take a few moments of quiet silence. Have your group reflect on all nine weeks we’ve spent on God’s character (God IS, God is Love, God is Holy, God is Good, God is Beautiful, God is Faithful, God is Able, God is Near, and now, God is Glorious). Then answer the questions: In what ways has your thinking about God’s character been renewed from this series as a whole? Which attribute of God resonated with you the most?



2. After a few moments of quiet pondering, instruct your group to write out a prayer to God based on what they've gleaned from this series that they wouldn't mind reading aloud to the group.
3. Once this is finished, come back together and have each person, in prayer, share what they wrote.
4. When the last person finishes sharing, have someone close the group, giving thanks to God for who He is and what He has done for all of us through Jesus, the Son, and by the Spirit.

Finish with intercessory prayer (5 minutes).

Like each week, finish your group session with prayer. You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone's prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close your time together by interceding for the requests that were shared.