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Section: Doctrine of God

**DISCUSSION GUIDE**

**Q15. Why did God make us?**

God made us to glorify Him, so His glory would be known and praised.

**Q16. How should we glorify God?**

We glorify God by trusting in Jesus, enjoying Him, treasuring Him, growing in our knowledge of Him, believing His words, obeying His commands, and by showing and telling the world how great He is.

1. Why is the glorification of God from mankind different from that of angels and the rest of creation?
2. The Hebrew word for glory means splendor, honor, and reputation. Give an example of where God’s glory can be seen.
3. To glorify means to praise, to magnify and honor in worship. God made us to praise and worship Him. How are you doing with this in your daily walk as a Christian? What changes might need to be made?
4. The doctrine of soli deo gloria—glory to God alone—teaches that all glory is due to God alone and no other. In what ways might we be guilty of giving ourselves or others the glory, rather than giving all glory to God? How can we fight this temptation?
5. In order for a person to trust in Jesus, what must they first have? Why is this essential?
6. According to the lesson, what does it mean to trust in Jesus?
7. Why is it that we find it hard to enjoy God? John Piper said, “God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him.” Are you satisfied in God? Do you enjoy Him above all?
8. Read Matthew 6:21: What do you treasure? Have there been comforts, idols, or distractions that have kept you from THE treasure, which is Christ? What changes could you make to show that Jesus is your prize?
9. Read Jeremiah 9:24: What are some practical ways in which you can grow in your knowledge and understanding of God?
10. We must understand that the Word of God—the Bible—is indeed God’s very own word spoken. Do you think about this truth when you read the Bible? Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 & 2 Peter 1:20-21 (Challenge group to memorize these passages).
11. Is it enough to just believe God’s word? What must we do? Read Deuteronomy 11:1; Ecclesiastes 12:13; John 14:15.
12. In what way do we show the world how great God is? In what way do we tell the world how great God is? Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Spend some time in prayer as a group and dismiss at 8:00 pm.