



## Soli Deo Gloria | To the Glory of God Alone • Week #5 • October 7/8

### Open:

- How does it feel when someone gives you thanks or affirmation?
- How does it feel when you do something for another without receiving thanks or affirmation?

### Discussion:

- **Pastor Eric Camfield reminded us of the 4 Solas and asked us to pause and review.**
  1. **Sola Scriptura** (“Scripture alone”): The Bible alone is our highest authority.
  2. **Sola Fide** (“faith alone”): We live by faith alone in Jesus Christ.
  3. **Sola Gratia** (“grace alone”): We are saved by the grace of God alone.
  4. **Solus Christus** (“Christ alone”): Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Savior, and King.
- Which one has had the greatest impact on you? Why?
- What questions remain for you as you think back over this series?
- How have you responded to what you have heard?

Pastor Dave Bianchin brought us to the final Sola with this: “Soli Deo Gloria, means: to the glory of God alone. It means that we live for the glory of God alone. In a world filled with self-centeredness, this is an important lesson....”

- What do you think is the importance of this lesson? If we were caught up in living for the glory of God alone, how would this change our culture or world?

Pastor Eric mentioned a personal tension related to this: “Glory to God ALONE has really messed with me, especially since I have returned from sabbatical. When I find myself getting frustrated as a husband, father, with other people, with work, with...you name it...this thought that I am a beloved child of God and my life is to be lived in that reality all for the glory of God creates a great, and good, holy tension in my life.”

- Can you relate to this tension? What do Eric’s reflections stir in you?

Pastors Eric and Pastor Dave shared definitions and tangible expressions of the glory of God. The glory of God is the infinite beauty and greatness of his manifold perfections. It is the infinite worth of God made manifest. We can see the glory of God in our world/creation. We see God’s glory in the power of salvation. We see God’s glory when those who are redeemed live lives of faithfulness.

- Does God’s glory motivate the way you live your life? How so? And why? Why does the glory of God motivate you?





In worship together, we read Psalm 96. We were also challenged with 1 Corinthians 10:31, “So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” As Pastor Eric reminded us, “in the truth of the scripture here, God extends dignity to every kind of work...EVERYTHING becomes sacred when done for the Glory of God.”

- How can we recover, rediscover, or calibrate our lives around doing “ALL to the glory of God”?
- What does this really look like, or not look like, in our lives?

Psalm 96	How does this look in practical terms towards Giving God Glory?
<b>Sing a new song (Heart/Attitude)</b>	
<b>Proclaim salvation to others (Hands/Voice in local expression)</b>	
<b>Declare glory among nations (Hands/Voice in broader expression)</b>	
<b>Worship God’s Holiness (Head/Will; God’s character)</b>	

**Practices for the Week:**

**Daily Examen:** Review your days in light of walking with God throughout the day and doing everything for God’s glory...ALONE.

- Slow down and center yourself in the presence of God
- Ask yourself where God was glorified in your life this day (or week).
- Confess where God alone was not glorified in your life.
- Thank God for his grace in your life

Give God glory by praying/singing the *Glory Be* as a regular practice ...

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
World without end.  
Amen.*

