



Part 1: Creation's Purpose – God's Pleasure Giving Glory

Psalm 73:25-26 (Various passages)

1. Why do people have such a hard time believing God is *for* pleasure? _____

a. Why is it hard for you to believe this at times? _____

2. Read 1 Timothy 4:15 with Colossians 2:20-23, and Romans 1:25 with Jeremiah 2:13. In the sermon, Satan was referred to as tempting us with 2 extremes to destroy our pleasure. Fill in the blanks. 1st _____ God's _____ gifts. 2nd _____ God's _____ gifts.
 - a. Which extreme are most American's more prone to? Why? _____

 - b. Give an example of where you struggle here in your life. _____

3. What do the following passages teach about God's purpose for creation? **Isaiah 6:3; Psalm 19:1; Isaiah 43:7; John 17:1; Ephesians 3:21; Philippians 4:20.** _____

a. What does the Bible mean when it speaks of God's "glory"? _____

b. Why is it evil for humans to seek our glory? _____

c. Why would God be evil if He did NOT seek His own glory? _____

d. Why is it loving for God to command us to praise Him? _____

e. From the sermon, fill in the blanks from the famous quote from John Piper – "God is most _____ in you when you are most _____ in _____."
f. What sneaky, subtle ways do you tend to seek the applause of others? This question has more to do with your heart (motives) than what you do outwardly. _____

g. Why should we be very careful to assume people are seeking their own glory over God's?

h. How will **Matthew 5:16** help you do things before others with the right motive? _____

4. **Read Psalm 16:11.** What does it teach about God's heart toward us experiencing pleasure? _____

a. Why are the greatest pleasures found – in God? _____

b. How will you grow in remembering this? _____

5. **Read Psalm 73:25-26.** Why is God *more* desirable than anything else? _____

a. How is it possible to desire "nothing" but God, while also experiencing daily desires for: food, drink, rest, relationships, and entertainment? _____

b. Name 3 daily desires you'll prayerfully focus on applying **Psalm 73:25** to. Write out a prayer.

6. How does the cross of Jesus deal with what **Romans 1:21, 25** and **Romans 3:23** teach? _____

a. As you pursue the fullness of your pleasure in God – why must you remain focused on the cross? _____

7. What is your main takeaway from this teaching? _____
