

## **Small Group Discussion Questions - Fall Semester // Week 3**

*Remember, these questions are just tools for discussion. You don't need to 'get through them all'. Use the questions that are helpful, skip the questions that are not. And let the conversation flow naturally.*

### **Optional Ice Breaker(s)**

- a) Have you ever thought about a personal vision? What would it look like?
- b) What is something about God that has surprised you this past week?
- c) Tell the group about a time you got lost, or failed to follow the directions on a map.

### **Passage and Discussion**

- a) In your own words, describe the word, 'Glory;' or to give 'Glory.'
- b) We all give "weight" to things in our life and point people to different things. What did you spend your time pointing people to this week?
- c) What do you think people usually miss about "the glory of God"? What are elements of the "weight" of God that are often overlooked?
- d) What is a practical way that we can point people to who God is this week?

### ***Read Isaiah 43:7, Psalm 19:1, and 139:13-14***

- e) God created nature to show His Glory. God created people to show His Glory. How does this shift the way you view yourself?
- f) Scripture tells us that as image bearers of God, we are public displays of His Glory. How well do you think we do at displaying His glory? What characteristics would someone exude if they were to reflect God's glory accurately?

### ***Read 1Cor 10:31, Peter 4:11, and Col 3:17***

- g) How do these passages challenge the way you live or aid in remembering the 'Why' of how you live?
- h) Would you say that you Glorify God in 'all that you do'? What does / would that look like?

### ***Read John 17:20-23 (and notice verse 22)***

- i) How do Jesus' words about the glory you and He share impact the thoughts you have about yourself and your relationship with God?
- j) Have you ever entertained the thought that you share the same glory as Jesus? Is that hard to believe for you? Why or why not?
- k) How does **John 17:22** relate to what we read in **Isaiah 43:7**?
- l) What are your initial impressions of our church's vision to "gather, grow, and go - for the glory of God"?
- m) How can we encourage and support our leaders at Grant this week?

### **Take it Home (Optional Ideas for Response this Week)**

- a) Remind yourself that you exist to Glorify the One who made you. Live in the joy and freedom of knowing that - and know that "in everything you do" no matter how much it seems of worth can Glorify Him.
- b) Daily this week, review the scriptures above that spoke to your heart during this study and spend 2 minutes meditating on how they will change the way you approach the situations you may face that day.
- c) Like Pastor Sean encouraged us in the service a couple weeks ago, this week, ask God to highlight someone who you can text or call to encourage them in their walk with God and who God made them to be, then share the story in the small group next week of how it was received.
- d) Spend time in quiet prayer. How is God inviting you to "go public with his holiness" this week?

### **Optional Ideas for Prayer Time**

- a) Pray for one another. Pray that each of you would have opportunities to point to God this week.
- b) In short 'popcorn prayers', declare the glory of God - name His characteristics and declare His greatness.