

Series: TRUE NORTH

Title: Soli Deo Gloria: Part 2

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1. Definition: 'Glory is the particular excellence of a thing that makes it praiseworthy'. Imagine a 4th grader has heard a Christmas carol with the word "glory" in it. She asks you what it means. How would you explain it to her?
2. Why does God want us to give him glory? Does he have a weak ego? Isn't it "ungodly" for anyone to want that kind of attention?
3. Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and come short of *the glory* of God." Part of the reason we fall short is that we are all engaged in our own self-glorification projects. How does someone die to that?
4. Read Isaiah 42:8 and Acts 12:20-23. How do people steal glory from God?
5. Why doesn't God show his total, his full glory to us?
6. In 1 Corinthians 10:3 Paul instructs, "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." What does it mean to do everything for the glory of God? Since Paul brings it up, what does it look like to eat and drink for the glory of God?
7. Read Isaiah 6:3, Psalm 19:1 and some poetry from — Elizabeth Barrett Browning. What do these passages tell us?



"Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God,
But only he who sees takes off his shoes;
The rest sit round and pluck blackberries."

8. How and where do you see the glory of God? When you see it, what is your response?
9. Bryon gave as so many practical ways of giving God glory. (For the list, see the back page.) Which ones stood out and which ones do you plan to put into practice?
10. Going through the hustle of Christmas season how do we make our overriding motive to bring glory to God?

OVER for suggested ways to glorify God.

1. Write it down, when you see the glory of God. If it's not on the list, you'll forget. Find/buy a glory notebook.
2. Mark up your Bible. Get a journaling Bible.
3. Take a digital memory. Create an album on your phone.
4. Ask yourself, "where can I see God's glory and how can we give God's glory back?" It takes intention.
5. Through love shown to one another. John 13:35
6. In your prayer life
7. In tough times
8. In discipleship
9. In charity
10. In thanking God
11. In small groups
12. In death
13. Pause, pray, journal, and give thanks.
14. Keep fighting to see his glory.
15. Remember you were created to glorify our creator. Reflect and proclaim.
16. Psalm 34:3 "Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together."
17. It is something to do. Whatever you do is either glorifying God, or not.

Over time, it will become second nature, a new lifestyle.

For more on how we see God's glory individually and often differently from others, check out Gary Thomas' book, [Sacred Pathways](#).