More time spent with fewer people leads to greater lasting impact for the Kingdom of God.

BSU Christian Challenge
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Study Series

THE GLORY OF GOD
Why We Were Created

Part I.

1. Read Psalm 148-150. According to the passage, who/what is commanded to praise to the Lord?
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When we say, “Praise the Lord!” it sounds right doesn’t it? Could we put anything else in that place? “Praise America!”.. “Praise the Aggies!”.. “Praise world hunger efforts!”.. “Praise my discipling relationships!”.. “Praise ___________!”

This sounds ridiculous! Can you imagine choosing idols over God? But we do!

Now let’s look at our own lives. Does your life say, “Praise the Lord!”?
   Yes   No   Sometimes

Explain______________________________

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2. GOD’S GREATEST COMMANDMENT
Read Deuteronomy 5:7 and Matthew 22:37. What is Jesus’ command?______________

Idolatry – worship or honor paid to any created object. Idolatry = “Praise_____!”

Read Exodus 20:2-4 and Isaiah 42:8 and 48:9-11 What do these verses say about the character of God? ________________________________

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3. GOD’S TRUE LOVE
Read the following statements.

- “It’s not about you, it’s about God.” – Rick Warren
- “God lives to exalt Himself.” – David Platt
- “God’s passion for His Name and His glory is the supreme reason for His actions in the world.” – Jeff Lewis
- “If God only cares about one thing, it’s not you.” – David Englehart

Many believers will spend their entire relationship with the Lord under the impression that Christianity is all about them. We have a tendency to think that we are the center of God’s affections and that our needs are the basis of His actions. We may even think that God created us for fellowship and so that he could enjoy us forever.

Read Isaiah 43:7. Why were we created? ________________________________

Read Psalm 148:5 and Romans 11:36. Why does God get the glory? ________________

Read Ezekiel 36:22-23. What is God’s purpose for His actions? _______________________

Look at Matthew 22:37 again. What is the first and greatest commandment? ________

4. THE GLORY OF GOD and THE LOVE OF GOD – A Biblical Perspective
Read Romans 8:38-39 and 1 John 4:8-10. Does God love us? How do we know?

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No one loves us like God. God loves us more than anyone else ever could. But, His desire for His own Fame prevails. We are not God’s greatest love. Does this make God self-centered? No. God is God-centered. God will not break his own first commandment. (see Exodus 20: 2-4 and Matthew 22:37) God is not an idolater. This is why He is worthy of worship.
Part II. Jesus and Salvation


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According to Isaiah 43:25 and Isaiah 48:9 why does God forgive and withhold His wrath from sinners? ________________________________

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Our sin makes us an enemy to God. While in our sin, we cannot bring glory to God. But He delivers us! While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8) He does it for His own sake. And He will not stop.

“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea”
Habakkuk 2:14

Part III. Personal Response to the Biblical Teaching

Which of the following statements more accurately follows the biblical teaching we see in Scripture? Circle one.

God’s ultimate purpose is to grant me salvation and to have fellowship with me forever. He saved me just because He loves me so much. I am the center of God’s world.  

No one loves me more than God. But God’s passion for His Name and His Glory is the supreme reason for His actions in the world and for the work He has done in my life.

How should God’s unfailing pursuit of His glory change our lives? ________________________________

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Are you willing to live for His glory? 

MEMORIZE Habakkuk 2:14

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