

Soli Deo Gloria



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- 1. What does "Soli Deo Gloria" mean?
- 2. Is there any aspect of life and creation that is not encompassed by the truth of "soli Deo gloria"?
- Thinking about the personal implications of "soli Deo gloria", please read Psalm 19:1 and consider...

WHO GOD IS

By definition: Glory speaks of the weightiness of a person. The idea is that someone possessing glory is weighed down with riches and power and position and therefore is worthy of honor and respect. God's glory (what is "weighty" about God) is the revelation of His divine attributes and perfections or a visible display that indicates the possession and presence of God's divine attributes and perfections. Put another way: God shows us His glory (His "weightiness") through what He communicates to us and through what He does.

- 1. What does Psalm 19:1 help you to understand about God's glory?
- 2. Are there any attributes of God that particularly impress you / stick out in your mind / are especially meaningful to you? Why? (check out: muncherian.com/GodsAttributes.pdf)
- 3. Are there additional passages in Scripture that help you to understand more of Who God is?
- 4. These days, what difference does it make for you to know this?

WHAT GOD DOES

- 1. What is the purpose of creation?
- These days, what difference does it make for you to know this?

PROCESSING ALL THAT...

Romans 1:19,20 tells us that God's revealed glory will illicit a response - either to reject or respect God. The Reformation emphasized the sovereignty of God over every aspect of the believer's life. The Westminster Shorter Catechism (a tool for teaching doctrine that came out of the Reformation) asks the question: "What is the chief end of man?" Answer: "Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever."

- In your own words, how would you express the Westminster Shorter Catechism's answer?
- These days, what does the answer to question #1 look like in your life?

BONUS QUESTIONS

- 1. Read and consider Jesus' teaching of what living life solely for the glory of God looks like (Luke 9:23-25). Living life by dying means that the only possible explanation for our lives is God (to God alone be the glory). These days, what does Jesus' teaching look like in your life?
- 2. Read and consider 1 Corinthians 10:31. How might living life solely for the glory of God change your focus / attitude / commitment to work or school, in marriage, to the church, to your purpose in life? Put another way: As a result of this study what changes in your life this week?