

OUR STORY

Proverbs 29:18

“The ultimate key to joining together in radical obedience to Christ is found in fostering a humble view of ourselves and a high view of God in the church. [Let us] give ourselves in total abandonment for His great purpose in the world: the declaration of His gospel and the demonstration of His **glory** to all the peoples of the earth.” – David Platt

Created For His Glory

1. Nature and God’s Glory (Definition)

(Romans 1:19-20)

2. Our Purpose (Glorifying God)

(Isaiah 43:7a)

3. The Problem (Romans 1:18, 21-23,)

- A. Ungodliness/Unrighteousness (Suppress the Truth)
- B. The Exchange (Glory of God for Idols)

4. The Solution (Demonstration)

- A. Daily Recognition of our Calling - resisting idols (I Corinthians 10:31)
- B. Gratitude (Psalm 86:12)
- C. Honorable Conduct (I Peter 2:12a, 4:7)
- D. Good Deeds (I Peter 2:12b)
- E. Love (I Peter 4:8)
- F. Hospitality (I Peter 4:9)
- G. Use your Gifts (I Peter 4:10-11)

Discussion Questions:

1. Romans 10:19-20? How is God clearly seen in this world? (Start here: The intricate beauty and complex design of the creation—from subatomic particles and the molecular building blocks of life to galaxies and the expanses of the universe—demonstrate that a “Designer” planned it all.) Discuss. (NIVQSB)
2. Resistance to the glory of God is seen all around us - exchanging the glory of God for idols. Idolatry (worship of something other than God) is something we need to resist. Is there an idol in your life that needs resisting? Discuss.
3. The solution to idolatry is recognizing our calling and reflecting it in our daily lives as we glorify God. What solution listed do you want to focus on this week? Discuss. Pray for each other focusing on the call of glorifying God in everything you do.

Glorifying God by
Loving you as you are;
Joining you in the journey;
Celebrating where
God is taking us.

Romans 1:19-20: ¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Isaiah 43:7a: . . . everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my **glory** . . .

Romans 1:18, 21-23: For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the **glory** of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. (see Isaiah 42:8)

Psalms 86:12: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will **glorify** your name forever.

I Corinthians 10:31: So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the **glory** of God.

I Peter 2:12: Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and **glorify** God on the day of visitation.

I Peter 4:7-11: The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.