



Opening Question:

1. Break off into groups of three. Spend 2-3 minutes each answering the following:
 - a. The highlight of your week.
 - b. A challenge you experienced this week.

Discussion Questions:

2. Everything starts with a proper understanding of *who* God is. Read Psalm 8 out loud in the group. The Psalmist (David) seeks to express the greatness of who God is, and contrasts how incomparable we (as humans, and his creation) are to him.
 - a. Take a minute to reflect on your week, or even your day today -- do your life posture, actions, meditations etc. display a life that acknowledges and adores his greatness?
 - b. Can others see this in your life? (e.g. co-workers, friends, neighbours)

3. The Apostle Paul writes in the New Testament that the gospel is the most powerful message that exists (Romans 1:16, 1 Corinthians 1:18, 2:4-5).
 - a. If we were to live a life understanding the gospel deeply, how would that change our outlook, how we live, our priorities, relationships, etc.?
 - b. How does a deep understanding of the gospel humble us? Why is it important that God humbles us?

4. The current culture's version of life is often individualistic and about personal autonomy, yet the Christian life is about the collective and community (Galatians 6:10, Hebrews 10:24-25, Acts 2:42-47).
 - a. Share both the encouraging and the difficult aspects of being in community as the Scriptures ask us to. What caused you to step into the community you are part of? What might encourage others in the local church to join a community?
 - b. How are you contributing to your church community?

“Going Deeper” Questions:

Break into smaller groups and choose ONE of the following questions

5. One of the biggest threats to modern Christianity is distraction. Some examples of distractions given in the sermon were technology, children's sports, busyness etc.
 - a. Share 2 or 3 distractions in your life that take both time and energy away from you spending time with God in prayer, Scripture, fasting etc.
 - b. On the flip side, what are the things you do that are life-giving, and move you closer to God? Do you intentionally include these your day?

6. David Platt once stated; “The message of biblical Christianity is not ‘God loves me.’ As if we were the object of our own faith. The message of biblical Christianity is that God loves me so that I may make him, his ways, his salvation, his greatness known among all nations. God is the object of our faith, and all of Christianity revolves around Him. We are not the end of the gospel, God is.”
 - a. Discuss how this practically applies to your faith, and your prayer life. If you have any opposition or critique of this quote, be sure to discuss these in your group!

Bible Reading:

These are Bible readings that your group can use as a suggestion for their personal reading in the upcoming week.

- Hebrews 2:5-18
- Psalm 113
- Psalm 115

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