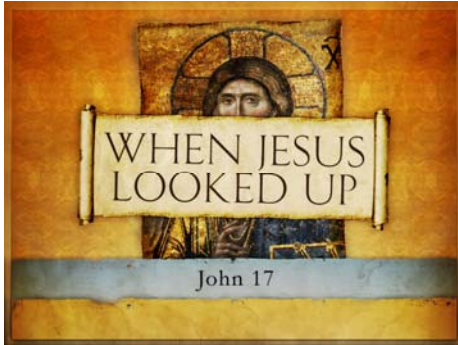


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to involve oneself or become occupied; participate: *engage in conversation*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

“WHEN JESUS LOOKED UP” Part 1 of 4



## Personal Prayers

1. Start your small group time off with prayer.
2. Ask for personal prayer request. In other words, have group members share request about them, not friends or family members.
3. Do the same for praises.

## Impact List

Have 2-3 people share about people from their impact list.

1. What is the next step in their friendship with that person?
2. How can your small group pray for them?

## Close to God

1. Have 2-3 people share what is happening in their “Close to God” time.
2. How have they grown closer to God?
3. How can your small group pray for them?

**SERMON TITLE:** “Glory to God”

**MAIN POINT/PASSAGE**

- ▶ *Our single greatest purpose in life is to bring glory to God / John 17:1-5*

**SUNDAY REVIEW**

- ▶ What insight, principle, or observation from Sunday did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

**STARTING QUESTIONS**

- ▶ Was Pastor Stu clear in defining what it means to glorify God?
- ▶ How do you deal with the tension of living a spiritual life in a physical world? (I.e. glorifying God with your busy schedule)
- ▶ Can we tend to make “glorifying God” too spiritual and unpractical to the point we don’t try or even think about it? Explain.
- ▶ Before hearing this message, how would define “glorifying God”?
- ▶ Is it easy or difficult to remember what the real purpose in life is? Why?
- ▶ How would you describe “the glory of God” to someone?

**DIGGING DEEPER**

- ▶ Read Exodus 33:17 – 34:9
  - In this passage Moses asks the Lord to show him His glory.
  - How does the Lord describe His glory as He passes by Moses?
  - Is that how you would have described the glory of the Lord?
  - How does Moses respond when confronted with God’s glory?
  - Compare the God’s glory with the Fruit of the Spirit?
    - What are the differences and similarities?

**APPLICATION**

- ▶ In light of the passage above, how does your perspective change in how we are to glorify God?
- ▶ What changes do you need/want to make after hearing this message?
- ▶ Practically speaking, what can glorifying God look like in your life?
- ▶ During the reflection time on Sunday, what did God impress upon you?
- ▶ What is one practical step/action that you are going to take as you live to glorify God?
- ▶ How can your Life Group help to encourage you and stay accountable with this step/action?

