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# **SERMON SERIES STUDY GUIDE**

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## **GLORY TO GOD ALONE**

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**READ:** Psalm 96:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Matthew 5:16

Some of the great philosophical questions include: “What is the meaning of life?” “Why am I here?” and “What is my purpose?” The Bible addresses these most basic questions in a way that most self-help books do not. The Bible addresses these questions in terms of our relationship with God. God created us. We rejected God. God loved us so much that he gave his life for us. God’s Holy Spirit is with us today. God wants us to know him as a loving Father. God wants us to see him as our Savior brother. God wants us to be his people. God invites us to see all people as potential brothers and sisters in Christ.

We find our purpose and meaning in two ways that are intimately connected. We find our meaning in being a son or daughter of God. We also find our meaning in being a brother or sister to those around us. When we baptize people, we often use the words from Matthew 5:16, “Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds, and glorify your Father in heaven”, to point to this truth. We also use these words with our confirmation students each week, to remind them of their belonging and purpose in life. We live for God’s glory alone so that others will be drawn into a life-giving relationship with him. Each of us has unique gifts that glorify God. Whatever our gifts and whatever our God-given passions, they all exist to give God the glory.

## ***QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION***

1. How have you struggled with questions of the meaning and purpose of your life?

2. What has been particularly helpful or unhelpful in your struggle?

3. What do you think it means to find your meaning in the world vs. to find it in God?

4. What talents do you have? What are your passions?

5. How are you using these gifts for the glory of God?

6. How are your gifts helping other people “see” God through you?

7. If you could do anything for the glory of God, what would it be?

## ***PRAYER***

Amazing Creator, Redeemer, Life-giver, thank you for choosing me to be your son/daughter. Help me find the true meaning of life in relationship with you. Help me find true meaning in service to others. Help me point all glory and success to you. Amen.