

## *Soli Deo Gloria: To God Be the Glory Alone*

**Ice Breaker:** What components do you believe makes up a healthy church? Assume you are “church shopping” and making a list.

- Is it possible that what Christians are looking for in a church should not be on their list? (Why or why not?)
- Why do you believe that Soli Deo Gloria is called the “glue” that holds the other Solas together?

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 10:31 (*PRAY that this verse in Scripture would change your lives.*)

1. How do the truths in Ephesians 2:8-9 and Romans 3:27 support Soli Deo Gloria (To God be the Glory **Alone**)?
2. How does Pastor Gary’s “Big Idea” for this message change the way we live?

*“Our commitment to God’s glory alone fortifies us to live godly lives in this present evil age.”*

3. What is King David trying to convey about God’s glory and Israel in the following verses?
  - a) Psalm 57:5
  - b) Psalm 79:9
  - c) Psalm 113:4
  - d) Psalm 115:1
  - e) Isaiah 48:11 (What about Isaiah’s thoughts about God’s glory?)
4. Jesus Christ was the beautiful picture of the glory of God *incarnate*. What does this statement mean?
5. How could the Glory of God found in Christ Jesus and the humility of Christ co-exist? (Consider Phil. 2:5-8)
6. How does Paul, in 1 Corinthians 2:6-8, identify Jesus Christ? What would he use that name?
7. How can God glorify Himself through His people and His church during this present age according to 1 Corinthians 10:31?
8. What must change for God’s church and God’s people in order for God to receive all the glory?

**Application:** *Things to ask ourselves....*

1. What do you believe should define a God honoring church service?
2. How can we participate in a service such as this?