

## 05.11.25 Facilitator “God’s Glory vs. Idols” Tim Rice

### Pray Together:

1. Worship the LORD, the Sovereign King, as God Most High. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that He is above all creation, all people, all things, and all possibilities.
2. How have you ascribed glory to others, or sought it for yourself, but not your Maker? Confess your guilt to Jesus as a glory thief, asking Him to forgive you and fill your heart with His glory so that you thirst no more.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His Covenant love, owning us when everyone else would discard us as unworthy. *Thank Him for bearing our markings as traitors, shielding us from wrath so that we could be eternally blessed instead.*
4. Who do you know that has put their hope into created things (or people or experiences) that cannot save, and never last? Pray for them, asking the Lord to open their eyes to His saving love and worth.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love, joy and goodness. Pray that the Spirit would help you trust Jesus’ love and faithfulness, shielding and blessing you, that you’re filled with an enduring heart of praise.

### Discussion Questions:

- Was it well with your soul walking into the Weekly Church Gathering? How was your heart, circumstances, relationships, etc.?
- Notice how the Lord nourished you and others in Church:
  - o What believers did you see being used by Jesus to serve others?
  - o How did the Gospel dwell richly in you through the singing and liturgy?
  - o In what way did the Spirit encourage or console you through the spiritual interaction with another brother or sister in Christ?
- Read the passage of the sermon together and discuss.

### Specific Sermon Discussion Questions: Psalm 115

#### A. Ultimate Power, Worth, Beauty

- How impressive is your resume? (How about Jonny Kim’s?)
- Compare that with the LORD... What is He able to do?

#### B. Counterfeits & Imposters

- By contrast, what are idols incapable of doing?
- And what does it do to our own hearts when we turn from the LORD to them?
- What idols do you naturally bend the knee to? How does it demand you to serve it, and where have you found it lying to you?

#### C. Claimed, Defended & Blessed

- As our Maker and Redeemer, why do trust and praise rightly belong only to the LORD?
- Jesus is both able and willing to save us, what makes the latter so unique in belief systems?