

QUESTION 6: HOW CAN WE GLORIFY GOD?

ANSWER : WE GLORIFY GOD BY ENJOYING HIM, LOVING HIM, TRUSTING HIM, AND OBEYING HIS WILL, COMMANDS, AND LAW.

50 minute Lesson Outline:

- Catechism Recap (5 mins)
- Introduction to Question (5 mins)
- Teaching Outline (15 mins)
- Discussion and Question Time (20 mins)
- Virtue Vision (5 mins)

Bible Passage: Deuteronomy 11:1-13

Memory Verse: Deuteronomy 11:1

Big Idea: A right response to God is to glorify Him with obedient, thankful, and trusting lives.

Aim: To help us understand that God longs to be glorified and that obedient lives bring great glory to God.

Virtue: Trust

LEADER'S NOTES:

In the 21st century, we are accustomed to seeing the created things glorified, rather than the Creator. We give glory and praise to celebrities, athletes, and even politicians. As a result, we are less accustomed to glorifying God. **This lesson will help us consider what it is to have our hearts and lives fully oriented toward God, so that He might be number one in our lives. One of the ways we glorify God is through obedient living.**

Things to remember:

- We are often inclined to legalism. Glorifying God is a response to his grace in Jesus rather than a way to win favor with Him.
- Challenge each other to put God first and to trust Him above all else.

CATECHISM REVIEW LAST WEEK, Q5

Question 5: What else did God create?

Answer: God created all things by His powerful Word, and all His creation was very good; everything flourished under His loving rule.

INTRODUCTION TO QUESTION 6

ASK: Are any of you sports fans? Let some people share their favorite teams and ask if they are “*sort-of*” fans or “*huge*” fans? For those who are huge fans, ask if there are ways we would be able to notice without asking. Some ways might be wearing fan gear, talking about the team with other fans, bragging about a win, and of course going to games.

Have you ever been to a game in a large stadium or arena? How do fans act? They shout, cheer, sing and chant! These are all ways that fans **glorify** their favorite teams. We don’t ordinarily use that word, but being a huge fan and letting others know it is **glorifying** a team. To glorify people or things is to give them praise, to tell other people who they are and how great they are, and ultimately to love them. This questions will help us understand how we can glorify God with our lives. It won’t be exactly the way we glorify our favorite teams, but it will be by loving Him, trusting Him, praising Him, telling others about Him, and serving Him.

TEACHING OUTLINE

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Ask: How often do you think about God yeah day? Don’t worry, you don’t have to answer out loud. Sometimes we become forgetful about God. It helps to reflect on who He is. Take a moment and ask the group about who God is. For example, describe what He is like. Discuss His greatness, majesty, power, and beauty!

Does remembering all the wonderful things about God inline your heart to praise Him? God longs for His people to give Him glory.

God is jealous and doesn’t want anyone or anything else to receive glory.

(Isaiah 42:8)

READ: Deuteronomy 11:1-13

1 "You shall therefore love the Lord your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always.

2 And consider today (since I am not speaking to your children who have not known or seen it), consider the discipline of the Lord your God, his greatness, his mighty hand and his outstretched arm,

3 his signs and his deeds that he did in Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt and to all his land,

4 and what he did to the army of Egypt, to their horses and to their chariots, how he made the water of the Red Sea flow over them as they pursued after you, and how the Lord has destroyed them to this day,

5 and what he did to you in the wilderness, until you came to this place,

6 and what he did to Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, son of Reuben, how the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households, their tents, and every living thing that followed them, in the midst of all Israel.

7 For your eyes have seen all the great work of the Lord that he did.

8 "You shall therefore keep the whole commandment that I command you today, that you may be strong, and go in and take possession of the land that you are going over to possess,

9 and that you may live long in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers to give to them and to their offspring, a land flowing with milk and honey.

10 For the land that you are entering to take possession of it is not like the land of Egypt, from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and irrigated it, like a garden of vegetables.

11 But the land that you are going over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water by the rain from heaven,

12 a land that the Lord your God cares for. The eyes of the Lord your God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.

13 "And if you will indeed obey my commandments that I command you today, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,

Can you identify the mighty acts of God?

Explain: God worked to care for, protect and save His people, Israel. Even in this short passage, we can see just how amazing God really is.

When Moses spoke these words to God's people, he wanted them to understand that their love for God should be characterized by obedience, by telling others about Him, and by commitment to one another. Moses wanted to teach the people how to glorify God! He wanted them to understand how awesome God is and to help them understand that He alone is worthy of their honor, glory, and praise.

For those who have been saved by God through Jesus, we are now part of God's people!

**Stand in awe at the greatness of God as one who continues
to save disobedient and rebellious people.**

One of the most effective ways to bring glory to God is to obey Him, just as Moses explained to the Israelites in the Bible passage. This obedience will not win us any favor with God or bring us any closer to God; only Jesus can do that. Obedience to God is a worthy response to His greatness and beauty and it brings glory to Him.

Obedience is a sign of a thankful heart and it displays a trust in Him that shows the world that God is great and His ways are good.

Encourage one another to remember God more in their day-to-day lives and consider how you might bring Him glory day by day and hour by hour.

REVIEW

Question 6: How can we glorify God?

Answer: We glorify God by enjoying Him, loving Him, trusting Him, and obeying his will, commands, and law.

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

Activity: Using a Bible, ask 4 people to each read aloud one of the following verses. Consider what these verse have in common:

- Psalm 63:3
- Psalm 95:6
- Psalm 134:2
- Psalm 34:8

Did you notice that each verse refers to something we would do with our bodies? Glorifying God is something that involves our minds, our hearts, and even our bodies.

How do you glorify God in each of these 3 areas?

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

Activity: Write a personal prayer asking God to help you love and trust Him more each day so that you might glorify Him through obedient living. Think of 3 things you love about God and include them in your prayer. Think of 3 things ways you struggle to obey Him and include them in your prayer too. Share your prayer with your group and commit to praying this for the next 7 days. Come back next week and share your results.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

(Allow for several answers within your group before reading the provided response.)

- 1. Is it wrong to like celebrities and sports stars?** It is appropriate to appreciate the different ways that God has gifted people in His world. However, remember that God wants to be number one in His people's lives and longs to receive glory from His people.
- 2. I don't fully understand what it means to glorify God?** Glorifying God is giving Him praise and honor, it is telling Him and others that He is great, and it is living trusting lives that reflect His goodness. Identify at least one of these areas in which you struggle and pray and ask for strength to trust Him more!
- 3. Why does God need to be glorified?** God doesn't "need" to be glorified – God doesn't need anything! Glorifying God is part of being in a loving relationship with Him, and that is what God longs for with those whom He has created.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

What would it look like to be more focused on glorifying God?

Is it a struggle to give God glory, honor and praise?

Do you find it hard to be obedient to God?

VIRTUE VISION: TRUST

Read Proverbs 3:5. What worries you? Write it down: _____

Trusting God means trusting Him with everything. Your worries are not unknown to Him. We can give our worries to Him, He has them, and we don't have them anymore!

Take your pen and cross out your worries. That's what trusting God looks like!

MEMORIZE Deuteronomy 11:1

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