

FIX YOUR EYES

DISCUSSION GUIDE

CHAPTER 1

1. Why do you think philosophers throughout history have set out to answer the question of who God is and what he is like?
2. What is the significance for us of answering this question from Scripture?
3. How does the reality of God's "otherliness" give you a proper perspective on yourself?
4. Which of God's incommunicable attributes draws you most into worship of God?
5. Which of God's communicable attributes draws you most into worship of God?

CHAPTER 2

1. In your own words, summarize why the doctrine of the Trinity is so essential to Christianity?
2. How does the mystery of this doctrine give us proper perspective on our human limitations?
3. What attributes belong to God because of his Triune nature (think community, communication, etc.)?
4. How does the doctrine of the Trinity lead you to worship God?

CHAPTER 3

1. What is the significance of God coming himself to communicate his nature to us (rather than sending a proxy or messenger)?
2. How does the incarnate Christ (God made flesh) give us access to the knowledge of God?
3. How does dwelling on the en-fleshed nature of Christ's earthly ministry and life give you a deeper picture of the salvation he came to afford to you?
4. How does the ascension challenge you to re-think the way you imagine eternity (particularly in terms of your own embodied experience)?
5. How does the doctrine of the Incarnation lead you to worship God?

CHAPTER 4

1. In what ways has the doctrine of the Spirit confused you in the past? What in this chapter provided the most clarity?
 2. In what ways is the Spirit's work the same in the Old and New Testaments? In what ways is it different?
 3. Are you ever tempted to think of the Spirit as less than the Spirit of Christ or the very presence of God?
 4. How does the "deposit" of the Spirit give you confidence in God's salvation promises?
 5. How does a doctrine of the Spirit lead you to worship God?
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CHAPTER 5

1. How have you been tempted to disassociate Christ's work apart from Christ's person?
2. Think through doctrines of salvation (like redemption, adoption, etc.; name others as you're able). How do they relate to the doctrine of union with Christ?
3. When you think of salvation in terms of union with Christ, what impact does it have on your concept of sanctification?
4. How does a doctrine of salvation lead you to worship God?

CHAPTER 6

1. What is the theological significance of God being a communicative God? Where would we be if he was a non-talkative God?
2. Is this how you think about the Bible? As God's self-communication?
3. How does the Bible's very composition and compilation remind you that he is sovereign?
4. As the Bible is God's self-revelation, how do you think this should influence how we read Scripture?
5. How does the doctrine of the Word lead you to worship God?

CHAPTER 7

1. Do you share God's affectionate perspective on the church? Why or why not?
2. What distinct roles do the global and local church play? What roles do they share?
3. How does serving in the church embody the upside down way of God's Kingdom?
4. How does the doctrine of the church lead you to worship God?

CHAPTER 8

1. What are some of the messages regarding the end times that you grew up with? Do they line up with Scripture's vision of a renewed world?
 2. What is the theological difference between God's making all new things and God's making all things new?
 3. How does a doctrine of final things remind us of our human limits of comprehension? How can you trust God with the mystery that remains in his Word regarding final things?
 4. How does the doctrine of final things lead you to worship?
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