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Questions

for understanding the *Basics of the Faith*…

**How Do We Glorify God?**

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**TO THE READER:** A good learning technique is to answer the following questions BEFORE reading the booklet. After reading, you can refine your answers based on your reading. Then, when your group gathers, each can discuss his or her view and you can either affirm or modify what you wrote.

1. Before reading this booklet, how would you answer the question: How do I glorify God?
2. What would you say are the most important things in our society today? Why are they so important? (6-7)
3. The Reformation brought Christianity back to these great truths: *Scripture alone*, through *Christ alone*, by *grace alone*, through *faith alone*. How might these four truths be summed up as: *Glory to God alone*? (7-9)
4. Read Romans 11:36. How does this verse help you with your desire to glorify God? (9-10)
5. Read Exodus 33:12-23 and 34:6-9. Moses starts out by arguing with God and then asks Him to show him His glory. What does God do instead (33:19)? And what is the result (34:8)? (10-11)
6. The chief end of man is to glorify God. We might say that the chief end of Satan is to get even with God. What, then, is the chief end of God? (11-17)
7. What difference would it make to life if God did not exist? (17)
8. There are places on earth where no man has ever walked. These places are filled with beautiful flowers and scenery never seen by anyone. Why does God keep places like this flourishing year after year when no one will be there to enjoy it? (18-19)
9. Dr. Hannah makes the statement: “God created us so he could see himself in us.” Explain what he means. (19-22)
10. Is there anything wrong with our seeking to be happy? (23-24)
11. What, then, pleases God and what does not? (24-27)
12. What difference is there in how a person can glorify God when he or she becomes a believer? (27-33)
13. Read 1 Corinthians 10:31 and Philippians 2:12-13. In what ways can we glorify God, and whose responsibility is it? (33-40)

After going through these questions, read the text and fill in the answers in preparation for class, noting other questions you might have. [By the way, if you do have any other questions about what you read, write them down here so you remember them at class time.]

**APPLICATION**

John Piper has made the well-known statement: “God is most glorified in me when I am are most satisfied in Him.” How satisfied (or content) are you in Who God is and what He has done and given you? What changes do you need to make in your life to be content in Him and not the things of the world? Make a plan to begin these changes.

**For Further Study**

*The Secret of Contentment*. William Barcley. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing, 2010.

*Discontentment: Why Am I So Unhappy?* Lou Priolo. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing, 2012.

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