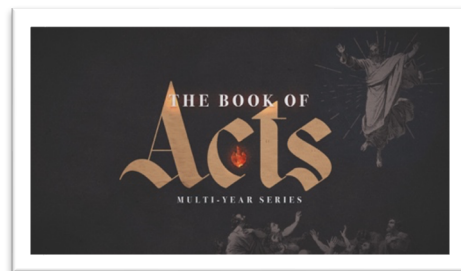


HE DID NOT GIVE GOD THE GLORY

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God is glorified in me when I know...who I am...who he is...what he says...and what I am to be doing.

GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

1. The first of the ten commandments (“You shall have no other gods before me.” Exodus 20:3) exposes how mankind will often elevate anything or anyone, even our own selves, above God.

- As I consider the following list, in what area(s) of my life do I sometimes steal God’s glory?
 - a. I boast in my accomplishments
 - b. I complain about my life
 - c. I dismiss the miraculous
 - d. I think I am indispensable to God
 - e. I consider myself better than others
 - f. I put myself at the centre of the story
 - g. I re-interpret the Word to suit my own desires
 - h. I believe that my good works help save and/or keep me in the faith
- What does the example of Jesus in Philippians 2 teach us concerning the solution to this?

2. The first two points of Sunday’s message encourage us to remember who we are, and who God is.

- Compare and discuss the differences in response of Agrippa with that of Paul and Barnabas’ in the following verses: Acts 12:22-23 vs Acts 14:14-15. Why is it that Paul and Barnabas responded correctly while Agrippa did not?
- Why does mankind constantly violate the divine-human org chart God has set?
GOD (and angels as heavenly deacons) > HUMANITY (under, not equal to or over God) > NATURAL WORLD

3. In spite of much persecution and an attempt to steal God’s glory, Acts 12:24 tells us, “But the word of God increased and multiplied.”

- Many have suffered, given their lives, and have died for the sake of the Gospel; why is it that we seem to sacrifice very little in contrast?
- What am I currently doing, or what can I begin doing to spread the Gospel to those who are lost?
- How can I be more mindful of pointing to Jesus and not myself in everything that I do?