

Soli Deo Gloria

To the glory of God alone

Read the following passage together – John 17:1-5; 20-26 (Or read the whole chapter if you have time.)

Get Started

1. Describe something that is 'glorious' to you. What makes it glorious?

About the Passage

1. Jesus prays, 'Father, the time has come.' To what 'time' is Jesus referring? (see also John 12:23-24)
2. What does it mean to 'glorify' someone? In what way does Jesus glorify the Father?
3. For whom does Jesus pray in verses 20-23? What is his desire for them?

Sermon Talking Points

1. Just three years before his death, Luther wrote, 'On the Jews and Their Lies'. In the treatise, he argues that Jewish synagogues and schools be set on fire, their prayer books destroyed, rabbis forbidden to preach, homes burned, and property and money confiscated. They should be shown no mercy or kindness, afforded no legal protection, and "these poisonous envenomed worms" should be drafted into forced labor or expelled for all time. He also seems to advocate their murder, writing "[W]e are at fault in not slaying them". (from Wikipedia)
 - a. How does this dark side of Luther make you feel?
 - b. In what way might this cast a shadow on the reformation movement?
 - c. Is God's reputation tarnished by Luther's action?
2. What verses come to mind (or can you find) that reveal God's glory?
3. What is the relationship between God's glory and praise? Fame? Holiness?

Apply This

1. Jesus glorified God through the cross. How can you bring glory to God?