

RESONATING WITH THE GLORY OF GOD | RESONATE | NOV. 12, 2017

OVERVIEW PARAGRAPH

*We all want to live a life of purpose, and it's clear that as we look around us and our world, discovering that life of purpose is a challenge. Our goal as Christians is to **resonate** with the glory of God. Yet, how can we possibly do that? To contribute to God's glory is like asking a child to play Mozart. In John 17, we see the picture of Jesus modelling how we give back our lives as a response to God's incredible gift, and we experience his prayer over himself, his disciples, and us in the midst of facing the cross. We also hear his call to **resonate** with the very heartbeat of the Master Maestro.*

Note 3 words to get to the heart of the chapter:

"HOUR"

- Looking back to the Wedding at Cana, when Jesus explained to Mary, that his hour had not yet come.
- Jesus understood that his life of purpose was now imminent in the cross before him.
- We are presented with moments like Jesus, where we may offer some miracle, however these 'smaller' moments are not the summation of our life of purpose.

"ETERNAL LIFE"

- In the Greek, the word is Zoe and it refers to the life of God.
 - In John 1, as John recounts 'the beginning' he refers to Christ, "In him was life"(Jn.1:4) and this refers to the life of God being in the person of Christ.
 - Christ's life on earth, and his death on the cross, allows us to experience this Zoe life. It's life that lasts forever, and it has the power to change us.
 - Human life VS Carrot life VS Cat life (illustration)
 - WE HAVE A CAPACITY TO BE INDWELT BY GOD! (This is Zoe)
 - We need to ensure that we're not 'Vampire Christians', people who suck just enough of Jesus' life to make it through the gates of heaven without having their lives entirely changed.
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"GLORY"

- "kabod" in Hebrew - originally meaning heavy, or substantial, and came to refer to someone's presence or power having weight or authority.
 - However, it came to be an adjective used almost exclusively for God.
 - It reflects the timeless nature and character of God.
- Our biggest issue in our culture today is ultimately an issue of glory.
 - Jesus prays that we might also reflect this timeless nature and character of God.
- Our objective in this life isn't a choice between right and wrong, good and evil, this is rather a process of yielding ourselves to the Zoe life of God at work in our hearts, through the power of His Spirit.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Every decision we make is a "glory" decision. How might you choose to yield to the Holy Spirit?
2. At the root of our cultural and societal crises of our day is the 'glory' issue - how might you decide between ignoring the Creator, versus making room for glory?
3. Have you accepted the gift of eternal life offered to you by Christ? If you have, how has that impacted your life recently? If not, what prevents you from receiving Jesus' gift?
4. How will you respond to the Gospel call to seek first Christ's Kingdom - his rule in your life this week?