Growth group discussion questions:

The Glory to God Alone

(A summary of our Reformation teaching series)

Personal preparation **BEFORE** the growth group meets:-

Read the following passages and jot down what you discover about the glory of God.

Exodus 14.1-31, 15.11 Exodus 33.12-23 2Chronicles 7.1-3 Psalm 8.1 Psalm 19.1 Ps 29.1-3 Ps 96.6-8 Isaiah 6.1-3 Isaiah 42.8 Luke 9.28-32 John 11.38-44 John 17.1-5 Romans 1.20-23 Romans 11.33-36 2Cor 4.6 Ephesians 1.11-14 1Tim 1.17 Hebrews 1.3 Revelation 4.9-11 Revelation 5.12-13

WHEN the growth group meets:-

1. Help each other to remember the 4 key "ideas that changed the world".

2. Share with one another something the has particularly excited you from the previous 4 studies.

3. Share with one another what you discovered about the Glory of God from the Bible readings during the week.

4. Discuss this statement:- "The Key reformation idea, "Glory to God alone" captures the teaching of the other 4 ideas."

5. What is the importance of the word "alone" in the phrase "Glory to God alone"?

6. Discuss this statement from The Westminster Confession of Faith (an important Reformation document) Chp 2.2:-

"God possesses all life, glory, goodness, blessedness, in and of himself. He is fully sufficient in and to himself alone, not being in need of any of the things that he has created, nor deriving any glory from them, but only displaying his own glory in, through, to, and on them. He is the sole source of all existence, from whom, through whom, and for whom, everything exists. He has absolute authority over them, to do through them, for them, or on them, whatever he pleases.

Everything is open and revealed before him. His knowledge is boundless, utterly reliable, and independent of what he has created, so that nothing is contingent or uncertain to him. He is absolutely holy in all his plans, in all that he does, and in all his commands. Angels, human beings and every other created thing owe him whatever worship, service, or obedience he is pleased to require of them."

7. See if you can come up with a sentence combining the 5 "alone" statements...

8. Discuss what giving Glory to God alone might look like for you this week.