

5. What happens when we downgrade scriptural authority but uphold Jesus' authority?

6. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-5. Obedience to and love of God is central. How are these cultivated in your life?

7. How does growing in the knowledge of God help break the world's spell that seeks to convince us that this world is all there is?

Room of Marvels
(A Series on Foundational Bible Doctrines)

"The Throne Room Key: The Doctrine of God"
Revelation 5:6-14; Isaiah 6:1-6

"When we're in church and I'm listening to the preaching, it's like you are weaving a spell. I believe, and the world makes sense to me. But then I walk out the door of the church, and it's like the spell is broken."

We need stronger spells. (Justin Ariel Bailey)

What is Essential to Know About the Infinite King?

1. Your story begins with a _____.

Isaiah 6: ³ ..."Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

Revelation 5: ¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!"

Holiness is...

Westminster Shorter Catechism:

Q. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

To glorify God means to delight in him and honor him. and that leads to our deepest and most enduring _____.

1 Corinthians 10: ³¹ ...whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

2. Your story is not all about _____.

This is probably one of the most counter-_____ things we can say in our cultural moment.

From the vantage point of epic stories, you are the _____ of your story.

Like Isaiah, you have been commissioned. You're on a quest. You are deeply flawed. And you need _____ to accomplish your life's mission.

Your story is about God and his _____, according to God in the Bible, and you play a role in his story, whether or not you accept it as that.

You are the flawed, purposeful, and needy _____ of your story, but your story is about God's story and his glory, which he intends to share with you.

Colossians 3: ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

1 Corinthians 2: ⁶ We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷ No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.

John 17: ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. ...²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one.

2 Corinthians 3: ¹⁸ And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

3. The King wants you to _____ him.

1 Timothy 3:16-17

The problems with narrowing or limiting the Word of God to Jesus and what Jesus taught:

- Almost everything we know about Jesus is from the _____.
- Jesus quotes from and teaches the Bible as the _____ Word of God.
- Jesus' life and teaching aligns with those parts of the Bible that we often don't like or make us _____.
- It's too _____.
- It's makes it too _____ to make God in our image.

4. You are not the King and the King is not _____.

5. Listen to and follow the King's _____. (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)

Read chapter 1 of [Emblems of the Infinite King: Enter the Knowledge of the Living God](#) by J. Ryan Lister and illustrated by Anthony M. Benedetto.

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Read Revelation 5:6-14 and Isaiah 6:1-6. What do you learn about the glory of God and the purpose of your life from these passages?
3. Why is the idea that your story is not all about you so hard to really accept?
4. If you are the "hero" of your story (in the sense what a hero is in epic stories), what implications does that have for your life as you pursue the purposes you listed in answer to the previous question?