

SESSION 7

Reconsidering the Kind of God We Want

Take some time to get quiet with the Lord. Consider with him what you find yourself longing for. What do you hope for? Ask God for? What do you long for in your past? In your future?

Look over the list you've just made. What themes emerge as you consider them? What values do they reveal? (Some examples: security, safety, comfort, control, knowledge, achievement, a desire to be useful or admired, deliverance from pain and suffering, or desire for a particular relationship.)

All longing leads to Jesus.

Read Matthew 17:1-8.

What do you think Peter found so attractive about Jesus in the transfiguration?

How does Peter respond to seeing Moses and Elijah?

Holy moments quiet our hearts and shift our lives.

Look up Hebrews 1:3. Write it here.

Fill in this sentence:

_____ is the ultimate revelation of God.

"A sunset cannot replace a friendship or marriage because beautiful as it is, it is impersonal and we know that we have a personal God."

Tim Keller

Questions for Reflection

1. How does a personal God matter?
2. How does this change you?
3. Do you ever "leave Jesus on the shelf" to just gaze at him or look at him like a pretty object? Perhaps only when you need help, or when it suits your schedule?

DISTANT
MAJESTY

vs

PERSON
OF JESUS

Pleasant Gaze
or Enjoyment

We are subject
to Him

Managed by us

Demands a re-ordering
of our lives FROM us

Wholly
attractive

Wholly attractive +
also awe and fear
inspiring

Look up **John 17:1** and write it out.

How is Jesus going to be glorified? How will he glorify the Father?

"At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Philippians 2:10-11

Have you ever placed your life fully at the feet of Jesus? Have you ever asked him to be Lord over all the areas of your life? If you haven't done that yet - you can do it right here, right now.

Write out your heart response to Christ and his saving love for you here (and if this is your first time doing so, please tell a friend or a pastor!).

A large, empty light gray rectangular area intended for writing a response. It occupies the lower two-thirds of the page and is completely blank, providing space for the user to write their heart response to Christ and his saving love for them.