

## *Fellowship Group Homework and Discussion*

### **Getting Started**

1. Have you ever had anybody get a wrong, negative impression about you? Describe that time.
  
2. What is your favorite Easter tradition or memory? Why? How did it start?
  
3. What one point sticks out in your mind from last week's sermon?

### **Going Deeper**

4. Read Genesis 3:1-7. There are four steps often used to lead us to have a diminished view of God. The first step is that Satan lies to us (see v. 1).
  - How does believing a lie about God diminish the glory of God?
  
  - Read Acts 8:1-3 and Acts 9:1-2. What is the lie that Saul (later, Paul) believes? How does this diminish God's glory?
  
  - Give an example of where you have seen this in your own life.

5. The second step is misunderstanding God's Word (see Genesis 3:3) by misinterpreting, adding to or subtracting from God's Word.
  - How does misunderstanding God's Word diminish the glory of God?
  
  - Read Matthew 12:9-14. How were they misinterpreting the Old Testament? How does Jesus properly interpret it? How does their view diminish the glory of God?
  
  - Give an example where you have seen this in your own life.
  
6. The third step is questioning the goodness of God (see Genesis 3:4-5).
  - How does questioning the goodness of God diminish God's glory?
  
  - Read Jeremiah 42:7-43:7. How was God about to display His goodness to them? How did they question God's goodness? What will the result be? How did their questioning diminish the glory of God?
  
  - Give an example where you have seen this in your own life.
  
7. The third step is pride (see Genesis 3:6).
  - How does pride diminish the glory of God?
  
  - Read Daniel 4:28-37. How does Nebuchadnezzar show pride? How does pride diminish the glory of God?
  
  - Give an example where you have seen this in your own life.

8. There are nine excellent questions to ask every time we study a passage of Scripture. Some of them will apply to one passage while others will apply to another. Pick one of these questions to answer based upon this sermon and your study.

Is there an example for me to follow?

Is there a sin to avoid?

Is there a promise to claim?

Is there a prayer to repeat?

Is there a command to obey?

Is there a condition to meet?

Is there a verse to memorize?

Is there a doctrine to believe?

Is there a challenge to face?

9. What attribute of God emerges from these passage? Make sure to worship God for that attribute in your time of prayer.

**For Deeper Application**

*Sharing from this section is much more personal and is always voluntary. Only share the answer to this question if you feel comfortable doing so.*

10. Has there ever been a time in your life when you deeply questioned the character of God and it resulted in disaster?



**Vantage Point:  
God the Father**

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***I. Diminishing God: The Beginning (Genesis 3:1-7)***  
***A. Lies About God***

***B. Misunderstanding Scripture***

***C. Questioning the Goodness of God***

***D. Pride***

***II. Diminishing God: Real Life Struggles (Job)***

***III. Magnifying God***

***A. The Story of the Cross***

***B. The Story of the Resurrection***

***C. The Story of My Life***