



Group Discussion Guide: God Is Beautiful | September 5, 2021

Begin with Scripture, an exercise + prayer (15 minutes).

Read Psalm 27:4. Once finished, have your group spend a few moments in prayerful silence and have them imagine themselves in the beautiful “house of the Lord” (even if it feels a little weird to do so).

Instruct people to use all their senses. Tell them to think about what they’d see, what they’d hear, what they’d be standing on, what they’d be standing under. Then, have them “gaze upon the beauty of the Lord.” There’s no right or wrong way to do this.

Once you’ve spent about 5 minutes doing this, talk about it. Ask the following:

- What was this experience like for you?
- When you were imagining the house of the Lord, what did you see? What did you hear?
- When gazing upon the beauty of the Lord, what did you see?

Finally, after conversation, have a specified person in the group pray for your time together.

Split out into triads and recap last week’s devotionals (20 minutes).

- As you think over your past week, what words, phrases, Scriptures, etc. stand out to you? What was the most significant thing? Why?
- Which day of devotions was your favorite? Why?
- Did you sense any action steps from God this past week as a result of your reflections?

Come back together as a large group, read Scripture, and debrief the sermon as one large group (45 minutes).

- What stood out from your smaller group discussions from your devotions this past week?
- What is something beautiful you’ve seen this past week?



- When you think of the character of God, does “beauty” come to mind? Why or why not?
- What from this weekend’s sermon stood out to you? What resonated? What challenged you?
- How do you think a fresh vision of God’s beauty might impact your everyday life?
- **Read Ezekiel 1:26-28; Revelation 4:2-3; and Psalm 27:4.** What do these passages tell you about the beauty of God?
- In his sermon, Dan talked about how Jesus lived a beautiful life. When you think about the life of Jesus, what are some instances in his life that make you stop and say, “Wow...that’s beautiful what he did right there?” Take a few minutes to stop and reflect as a group on the individual stories that are brought up. What makes those stories beautiful? What makes Jesus beautiful in those stories?
- What acts of beauty from Jesus’ life might you want to emulate in your own?
- **Read Matthew 5:16, 7:17; 1 Peter 2:11-12** and note that a different translation of the words “good” or “honorable” in these verses can be the word “beautiful.” If you insert the word “beautiful” how does that change how you read these passages?
- Think of a time in your life when you saw the ugliness of the world confronted with Christ-like beauty. What happened? What was that time like? What did the beauty displayed do to the ugly in the world?
- Has there ever been a time any ugliness in your own heart was met with the beauty of Christ? Explain.
- How can you bring Christ-like beauty into your home, your workplace, and other spheres you find yourself in? What would bringing beauty to bear in these areas potentially look like?

Finish with intercessory prayer (10 minutes).

Like each week, finish your group session with prayer. You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone’s prayer requests and send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week. Have someone close your time together with prayer.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?