# TRUTH WARS: 500 YEARS AND COUNTING!

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#### Introduction:

Five Pillars of the Protestant Reformation...

- Sola Scriptura (Scripture alone)
- Sola Fide (Faith alone)
- Sola Gratia (Grace alone
- Solus Cristus (Christ alone)
- Soli Deo Gloria (God's glory alone)

**Psalm 19:1** – "The heavens declare the glory of God..."

**Exodus 33:15-20** – "Then Moses said, 'Now show me your glory.' And the LORD said, 'I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you...'"

## What is God's Glory?

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1 Corinthians 6:19-20

2 Corinthians 4:7-9

Colossians 1:27

1 Corinthians 10:31

## The Big Idea:

Stop living under the false dichotomy of "secular versus sacred." You are redeemed, and therefore, everything you do in life is sacred! Whether you eat, or drink or whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God!

#### **SMALL GROUP Q'S**

#### Personal Life:

1. Have you ever lived under the mind-set of the "secular versus sacred" divide? For example, this job is sacred while that job is secular, or this music is sacred whereas that music is secular, etc. How do you think we got to a place where we accepted such a false dichotomy?

## **Ponderings:**

- 2. Do you ever feel like a second-rate follower of Jesus because your job or vocation doesn't seem as "important to God's kingdom" as someone else's? Explain...
- 3. 1 Corinthians 10:31 says "Therefore, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God."
  - If the most basic understanding of God's glory is the "goodness of His character," (Exodus 33:19) give some concrete examples of what it means to do all things in life "to the glory of God..."
  - How is it possible that working on a hobby, building something with your hands, using your mind strategically at work or even doing mundane tasks can be as glorifying to God as studying the Bible, praying, preaching the gospel or some other obvious "Christian" endeavor?
- 4. Do you tend to think of yourself as an average person working in the "secular" world, or do you see yourself as God sees you...a full-time missionary to this culture?
- 5. Try to think of just one area of life that you are passionate about or gifted in. How are you consciously focusing that energy toward the glory of God?

# **Ponderings:**

6. Are you ready to stop comparing your expressions of God's glory to someone else's, and instead begin enjoying the unique place God has placed you as His glory-bearer? If so, what can you do to begin living from that sense of fulfillment beginning now?