

(1) Do you struggle with what Jesus said in John 4:23? C. S. Lewis did. Explain your struggle. Why does this text and others like it create a problem for our understanding of God?

(2) Consider these two statements and discuss their implications for how and why we worship.

“all enjoyment spontaneously overflows into praise”

“I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment; it is its appointed consummation.”

(3) How is it possible for God to love himself preeminently and also love us in the greatest way possible? Why are these not mutually exclusive notions?

(4) Reflect on the many texts cited in the sermon that explicitly declare God’s ultimate aim in all he does is his own fame and glory. Are you ok with that? If not, why not? Why is it that although God seeks his own fame in all he does he is not to be regarded as guilty of megalomania?

(5) Reflect on this statement and discuss it. Do you agree with it? If not, why not?

“God is the only being in the universe for whom self-love and self-seeking is the consummate expression of his love for others.”