

# **SOLI DEO GLORIA**

November 20, 2022

Speaker: Pastor Nina Schmidgall

Scripture: Colossians 3:23, 1 Corinthians 10:31, Psalm 19:1, Psalm, 8:1, 1 Peter 4:10-11

**Sermon Overview:** As Christians, our main purpose on earth is to glorify God. To honor God for who He is, we must focus on His majesty and power, not on self.

#### **Sermon Series Questions:**

1. The first four Solas of this series are Grace, Faith, Christ, and Scripture. How does each of these lead to the final Sola: Glorifying God?

#### **Sermon Specific Questions:**

- 1. How can you offer the work that you do and all of your activities for the glory of the Lord?
- 2. What is your favorite Psalm or song of praise to speak back to God and give Him glory?
- 3. What helps you turn your focus on God rather than self?
- 4. How can you shift your time with the Lord to be more about praise and thanksgiving than about requests?
- 5. When have you been most acutely aware of God's glory?

### **Digging Deeper:**

• "Surrender: Develop a regular practice to deny self and center on God's glory.

- Acknowledgement: Keep a "Noticing Journal" to record the big and small miracles in your daily life.
- Delight: Savor and enjoy the special smiles God gives you all day long.
- Thanksgiving: Give God the credit for the many things you are grateful for.
- Confession: Admit your weaknesses as you declare God's righteousness.
- Obedience: Demonstrate your trust in God by doing what He says.
- Dedication: Ask God's priorities for your day amid the many distractions.
- Release: Let go of control as you rest in Him.

## **Practical Application:**

- Join in Focused Prayer Set Times for Upper Room on Tuesdays during the holidays (visit times at ncc.re/hop):
- Download the NCC app or visit <u>ncc.re/daily</u> to listen to short, daily teachings M-F accompanying this series.
- Join a small group <u>ncc.re/groups</u> to discover ways you can use your talents and passions to serve the various church campuses in-person and online.
- Make a Bible reading plan a daily discipline and connect with NCC Daily. (Download the NCC app to find our plan).