



# How to Honor God

## Discussion Guide

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There is clearly a tension between where we can find ourselves (with a mindset of complaining or comparing) instead of living as God calls us to live. He wants us to live a life of celebration and of joy. How can we celebrate God daily? What changes would that take in your own attitudes and actions? How can we honor God in all we do?

**What you will need:** A Bible or your Bible app, a notebook, pen, and highlighter. The verses highlighted for you below are linked so that you can easily access them during your study time.

### Jump Start

1. What is something God did in your life in 2020 that you need to celebrate? What is one attitude you want to cultivate in 2021?
2. **Read [Proverbs 21:31](#)**. Sometimes, especially when things are going well, we can forget our need for God. We can neglect to give God credit for the good things in our lives. How do you honor God in your life?
3. **Read [Romans 5:3 and 1 Peter 5:7](#)**. We can all agree that in many ways, 2020 was a hard year. We faced hardships, financial fears, and even moments of isolation and loneliness. You may have experienced a health crisis or lost a loved one. How do you typically respond to difficult situations? Do you hibernate or jump into mindless activity? How do these scriptures say we should respond?

*Note: Join us this week for the [daily Cove Devotions](#) and [MDWK Deep](#) on Wednesdays at 12:00.*

4. **Read [1 Thessalonians 5:18](#)**. How does this verse change your understanding of honoring God through hardships? Have you seen this modeled in a healthy way?
5. **Prayer:** God, thank You so much. You've made it so that no matter what our circumstances may be—good, bad, somewhere in between—we can live a life of joy and of celebration. We don't have to get stuck in the negative. Throughout this coming year, God, I declare that no matter what storms I face, I am going to worship and praise You. No matter what 2021 has in store, I know that I can be still and know that You are God. You are Sovereign. God, I pray that You would give me the eyes to see, ears to hear, and the desire to do Your will. We ask You to flood our hearts and homes with Your truth and Your peace. You are not panicked; You are not worried. You are WHOLE. You are PEACE. Lord, renew our hearts, renew our strength, renew our relationships, and renew our dreams. Pour out Your wisdom. We ask that ALL things be done according to Your will. In Jesus' Name, AMEN!!

## Deeper

Here at The Cove, our mission is to Introduce our friends to Jesus, Learn to follow Him, and Celebrate His Presence in our lives. We want you to be fully equipped with the Word of God by spending time with Him daily through prayer, and through studying His Word. We believe this is how you will be equipped to make disciples.

God gives us many good gifts; Jesus made that clear. We tend to think that thankfulness or gratitude means being thankful for what God gives us. That's one of the first and most obvious things we can be thankful for, but it's not the best. What is the greatest gift God gives us? How does the greatness of that gift trump the pain of losing anything else? What is at the root of being thankful to God—no matter the circumstance?

- [Matthew 7:9-12](#)
- [Psalm 84:1-2, 10-12](#)
- [John 3:16](#)
- [Romans 8:32](#)
- [Galatians 2:20](#)
- [Revelation 4:8](#)
- [Romans 8:38-39](#)
- [Revelation 21:4](#)