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## NORTH WAKE SGL QUESTIONS 7/31/16 - PSALM 96

A couple of articles that might have some good fodder for discussion...

<http://www.undertheiceberg.com/wp-content/uploads/2006/05/Apostolic%20Passion.pdf>

[http://oneworldmissions.com/media/pdf/articles/hawthorne\\_thestoryof.pdf](http://oneworldmissions.com/media/pdf/articles/hawthorne_thestoryof.pdf)

See p. 46 “Deepen Our Motive Base”

Maybe kick things off by discussing this quote by John Dawson (cited by John Stott and John Piper in their *Perspective* missions articles)

*“Have you ever wondered what it feels like to have a love for the lost? This is a term we use as part of our Christian jargon. Many believers search their hearts in condemnation, looking for the arrival of some feeling of benevolence that will propel them into bold evangelism. It will never happen. It is impossible to love “the lost”. You can’t feel deeply for an abstraction or concept. You would find it impossible to love deeply an unfamiliar individual portrayed in a photograph, let alone a nation or a race or something as vague as “all lost people”. Don’t wait for a feeling of love in order to share Christ with a stranger. You already love your heavenly Father, and you know this stranger is created by Him, but separated from Him, so take those first steps in evangelism because you love God.”*

- Do you agree with this? Is it impossible to love “the lost”? What about Christians who seem to have a deep burden for lost people groups?
- How might a passion for God’s fame & honor help us override our fears in evangelism or our lack of compassion for our lost “neighbors”? (How might a passion for God’s fame increase our compassion for our lost neighbors?)

### Psalm 96

- We discussed how God’s saving work for us brings about songs of joy from us. Do you ever find yourself singing to God? How might you make personal praise a practice in your life? (Not just Bible reading & prayer, but singing—metaphorically? literally?—to God for His mercy?) Are there any particular songs that help folks in your group stir their affection for God? Maybe make a playlist and share it with one another!
  - Are there any verses/prayers that you could memorize to help fuel your passion for God’s name? (Make a list?? Share it along with the playlist??) Isaiah 26:8 is a great place to start!
  - Did the Spirit show you any “worthless things” that steal your affection from Christ? (See Colossians 1:1-4) What might repentance look like in these areas?
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