

## 1 Timothy 6:15-16

### Doxology

One God ...

#### I. The Source of Life

A. All Life

B. New Life

#### II. Incomparable

1. Blessed Sovereign

2. King of Kings

3. Lord of Lords

4. Immortal

5. Shrouded in Magnificence

6. Invisible

7. Worthy of Praise

#### III. Ever Near

A. Everywhere

B. Right Here

... *from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.*

### **Children, Listen ...**

1. What do we mean when we say God is sovereign?

2. What do we mean when we say that God is immortal?

3. What are some things that you want to praise God for today?

### **Words of Praise Beginning to End**

The word doxology comes from two Greek words put together. Doxa: Glory, brightness, greatness, splendor, honor, praise, worship

Logion: saying, oracle, utterance

Simply said, a doxology is a word of praise. Most traditional to semi-traditional Christian worship services will use some form of a musical doxology, putting words of praise to a simple song in their order of worship. The version we use is familiar to many and easily remembered. It is put to three tunes in our hymnal (one adds alleluias). Some churches sing it at the beginning, some in the middle (often after the offering), others, including Covenant, tend to sing it at the close of the service indicating that the last thing we want to declare at the end of our service is the glory of God the Trinity. In his letter to Timothy Paul includes a doxology near the beginning and near the end. From beginning to end, Praise God! Whether it is in the setting of corporate worship, a more casual Christian gathering, or a spontaneous burst, it is always appropriate to express words of praise to our great and awesome God. The words may be familiar, but they must never become rote and lifeless. Bring vibrant, lively praise to the living God Who alone is worthy of glory, honor, power, and praise.