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AWAKEN

... Living in the Light

John 1:14-18

Glory

This week we're learning about God's glory and the change His glory is bringing about in our lives.

WATCH THE VIDEO

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Afterward have someone read the discussion questions in the "Hear God's Story" section and start the conversation.



Share Your Story

Begin by praying together. This should be a brief, simple prayer in which you invite God to give you insight as you study. You can pray for specific requests at the end of your time together or stop momentarily to pray if a particular situation comes up during your discussion.

Then begin your time together by discussing the following questions.

- What are some things that we see people exalt in their everyday lives?
- What makes a person worthy of lifting up? What causes us to tear down monuments to people?

Hear God's Story, and Create a New Story

READ JOHN 1:14-18 (NIV) & 2 CORINTHIANS 3:16-18 (NLT)

- According to the John passage, where have we seen the glory of God?
- How do we see God's glory?
- What do we receive when we see God's glory, according to John 1:16? How has that grace affected you?
- How are we personally changed and transformed by God's glory, according to 2 Corinthians? What are some ways you've seen yourself made more in the image of God?
- Why do you think God's glory has such profound transformational power?
- When have you experienced someone else "reflect[ing] the glory of the Lord"? How did that impact or shape you?
- Who are some people in everyday communities who would experience God's glory reflecting through your life? What could the impact be on them?

Give each person an opportunity to share prayer requests.

Find Your Story in God's Story

If you feel God is nudging you to go deeper, take some time between now and our next discussion to dig into His Word. Explore the Bible passages related to this session's theme on your own, jotting your reflections in a journal or in this study guide. Want to go deeper? Select a few verses, and try paraphrasing them, writing them in your own words. If you'd like, share them with the group the next time you meet.

The sun is so powerful that even at night when the moon is full, the sun's reflected glory can illuminate the night. From even 90 million miles away, the power of the sun can trigger photosynthesis that creates and sustains life on earth. Likewise, the glory of God is a fullness of being beyond anything we could create on our own. God's glory burns brightly, and the grace of God is that His glory brings about redemption and restoration in our lives, even while we're still dead to our sins.

READ 1 PETER 5:8-11 (NLT)

- In Daniel 4, King Nebuchadnezzar declares that he's built a palace to his own glory. What are other ways that the devil tries to get us to build up our own glory instead of relying on the light of Jesus to be our focus?
- In Matthew 7, Jesus tells the parable of the wise and the foolish builders. What happens to the man who builds his house upon the sand? What about the person who builds his house upon the rock?
- What's the final destination that God is bringing us toward, revealed in this passage? What kind of a foundation does the glory of Jesus offer?

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31-33 (NIV)

- What does it look like to eat for the glory of God?
- Besides eating and drinking, what are other areas of life where we can engage for the glory of God? What are some of the ways your everyday practices can reflect God's glory?
- What does it mean to seek the good of many instead of working primarily for your own benefit?

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