

Living for the Glory of God (1 of 4)
Small Group Discussion Questions

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Sunday, May 12th, 2024



Series Focus:

God's glory is a concept that can seem difficult to grasp or even make us feel distant from God. We might think about his majesty, power, or greatness. Maybe we refer to his creation as "glorious" if we're basking in the sun or overlooking a beautiful vista. But the Apostle Paul tells us to do everything for the glory of God (1 Cor 10:31). What does that mean and how can we live up to it? Throughout the month of May, we will explore what God's glory is, how we are part of it, and how we live for it in our everyday lives.

Sermon Title: A Prayer for God's Glory

Scripture Reading: Exodus 32-34; Psalm 106:19-20; John 1:14

Sermon Focus: God's desire is to be present with his people. And God's presence is the very thing that makes us unique and able to reflect his glory to the world. But, like the nation of Israel in the Old Testament, we reject God and turn instead to worship the works of our own hands. Do we recognize our need for God? In the second message of our series, Pastor Melissa reminds us of the gravity of our sin, but also of the beauty of God's gracious character revealed to us.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. What was a time when someone's presence was especially meaningful or helpful for you?
2. Read Exodus 32:1-10 and Exodus 34:5-10. What do we learn from these passages about God's character? What do we learn about our human tendencies?
3. These verses show how we tend to forget God's work, provision, and presence in our lives. What are some of the blessings you've received from God (including material things, personality traits, positive events in your life, etc.)? When are you tempted to feel entitled to those blessings or attribute them to yourself? What does that look like for you?
4. In what area of your life do you most sense your need for God's presence? Is there something or someone that you feel, if it were taken away, you would lose your significance or identity (The answer may not be obvious at first. Sometimes we don't recognize the hold something has on our lives. Take a moment to think about it and even ask God if there is something.)?
5. These events in Israel's history cause us to reflect on our sin, which can be difficult and discouraging. How does being honest with our sin draw us closer to God? How does God's character revealed in Ex 34:5-7 give you hope?
6. God longs to be present with his people and proves it with Jesus' coming to earth and the sending of his Holy Spirit. How is God inviting you to respond to his presence and character? Where will you be and who will you be encountering this week? What could it look like to reflect God's character there?
7. As you pray, ask God: "show me your glory" (Ex 33:18). Ask him to reveal his true self to you so that you can experience his gracious presence more deeply. Pray that his character would flow out of your life in the things you're doing this week.