

# Searching for God's Glory

WEEK TWO  
Matthew 6:1-4



## THE GLORY OF GOD

Stop asking, "What's in it for me." Start asking, "What's in it for God's glory."

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.

If someone really pressed me to pick one city in America as my favorite, I would have to pick San Francisco. Besides being the city Journey sang about in their famous song, Lights, and the region where I grew up, San Francisco's beauty is unparalleled. Almost every angle from which you see the city reveals its beauty. But there are some specific spots in particular that are revelatory. One might say, glorious.

I've worked hard to find the spots that put me in the greatest position to see the glory of my favorite city. It's not that those views make the city more beautiful. No, standing in a certain spot doesn't add beauty but it certainly does reveal it.

Your life is about experiencing and expressing God's glory. You can't add to His glory. You can't make Him more glorious. But you can position yourself to have the greatest opportunity for His glory to be revealed.

There are three spiritual disciplines that will maximize your opportunity in this regard. The first is generosity. God has made a spiritual law in which He has chosen to bless generosity. Generosity aligns you to His character. When you are generous you are imitating God and that pleases Him. And because of that He reveals His glory!



## WATCH

Play the video prepared for this lesson by Pastor Derek Neider. Video sessions are available for download at [www.cclasvegas.org/GROUPS](http://www.cclasvegas.org/GROUPS)



## PRAY (10 min)

As a Home Group, take a moment and share how God has been generous to you. Also share how acts of generosity have blessed you over the course of your life in both receiving and giving.



## REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them together.

1. When Jesus spoke to His disciples about giving, He gave 3 key aspects of giving that Pastor Derek mentioned in His sermon.

**What were they? Of the three spiritual disciplines (giving, fasting, and praying) why did Jesus start with giving?**

**Engaging in the spiritual disciplines puts you in the best position to experience and express the glory of God.**



2. The Bible is filled with promises that talk about God's faithfulness to supply for us if we commit ourselves to generous giving.

Give at least 2 Scriptures that express such a promise. Why does God make this promise? Describe how God has been faithful to fulfill that promise in your life? If you have been afraid to live generously because your needs might not be met, how do these promises help move you from fear to faith?

**And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.**

2 CORINTHIANS 9:8

3. The Gospel is everything to the Christian. It establishes our standing before God, it is the reason why we live our life and it is our message to the world.

How does living generously towards people help build a bridge to share the gospel?

4. According to the booklet there are 5 principles on why and how you should give.

Pick 2 of them, explain them and then challenge yourself to make intentional decisions in connection with them that will grow you in your generosity. Share with the group.

**Living generously aligns us to the gospel which is universally the greatest revelation of God's glory.**

When we realize that everything we have belongs to Him, our possessions are put into proper perspective. The fact is, we are stewards, not owners. He has given us everything that is in our care, and as stewards, our job is to use the material blessings He has placed in our care as He sees fit.

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## REACH

Considering what God revealed to you this week, apply the challenge laid out in question 4 and expect God to do something great.

**Next week we will be anxiously waiting to hear about how God revealed His glory to you through you living generously.**

