

Searching for God's Glory

WEEK ONE
Exodus 40-34-38



GLORY IS GOD'S HOLINESS GOING PUBLIC

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His 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.

What is the book of Exodus really about? Some say it's about the children of Israel and their formation into a nation. Others say it's about Moses and his leadership that impacted not only a nation but western civilization. While those are important, they are only demonstrations of the true purpose of Exodus, and that is the glory of God.

Everything in the book is about God's glory. From the miraculous preservation of Moses, to the revelation at the burning bush, to the deliverance and sustaining of Israel through plagues, manna, water from the rock, the law on Sinai and the cloud of glory that descended on the Tabernacle.

Glory is God's holiness going public. It is the manifestation of God's infinite perfections, His eternal worth and value. And not only is it the purpose of Exodus, it's also the purpose of your life. You exist to experience and express the glory of God. As you learn and live this over these next 8 weeks expect God to radically transform your life forever!



WATCH

Play the video prepared for this lesson by Pastor Derek Neider. Video sessions are available for download at www.cclasvegas.org/GROUPS



PRAY (10 min)

As a Home Group, take a moment and share how God has demonstrated His glory to you in the last few weeks.



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. The Christian life is intended to be a pipeline between heaven and earth through which the glory of God is manifested. In what ways does your life reflect that?

Give yourself an honest evaluation. Ask those closest to you to answer that question as they see it in your life.

"God's glory is the goal of all things, the unifying goal of all history, the source and sum of all lasting joy."

JOHN PIPER



2. Pastor Derek made the point that you have been chosen to display God’s glory. He also said that the gospel is universally the greatest expression of God’s glory.

How does God glorify Himself through the gospel in your life? Be specific. Use Scripture references. Consider sin, repentance, forgiveness and adoption into God’s family.

“I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ And to the south, ‘Do not keep them back!’ Bring My sons from afar, and My daughters from the ends of the earth— Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him.”

ISAIAH 43:6-7

3. God’s glory is your pursuit. Like Moses, the cry of the sincerely saved Christian is, “Please show me Your glory.” That means, everything in your life needs to be filtered through the lens of God’s glory not your personal benefit. Like we learned in the teaching. Stop asking, “What’s in it for me?” And start asking, “What’s in it for the glory of God?”

As you make that paradigm shift evaluate your goals. What goals in your life have God’s glory as the ultimate purpose?

How can you reshape your goals to that end? What changes will you make today to do that?

“Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; 24But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth.”

Jeremiah 9:23-24

When God disrupts our lives we can try to muscle through the inconvenience or we can turn our ear to Him and seek to understand the message He is sending. God’s message to His church right now is simple, “It’s time to return to the Lord for spiritual renewal.”

Returning to the Lord for spiritual renewal requires a decision and determination.
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REACH

Considering what God revealed to you this week, make at least three meaningful changes in your life that will put God’s glory at the center. As you make those changes expect God to give you an experience of His glory and an opportunity to express it.

Next week we will be anxiously waiting to hear about how God showed you His glory.

