



Talk It Over Discussion Guide

THE MANIFESTATIONS OF GOD'S GLORY

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"God is the one who made all things, and all things are for his glory. He wanted to have many children who would share his glory..." Hebrews 2:10 (NCV)

Goals for this Week's Study

- **Icebreaker:** Describe the last time you had fifteen minutes of fame.
- Discussion Aim: How we are to live for God's glory.

This week we will seek to discover what is the glory of God, how he has revealed his glory, and how we are to live for God's glory.

OPEN YOUR GROUP WITH A PRAYER. THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE – SELECT THE POINTS YOU WANT TO DISCUSS.

WHAT IS THE GLORY OF GOD?

God's glory is who He is. It is how he thinks, how he feels, his passion, love, and grace. God's glory is his Personality, Presence, Perfection, Purpose, Plans, Power, and Promises.

God's glory is also the brightness of His character. *"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word..."* Hebrew 1:3,

History is the story of God's glory. Throughout history God has revealed himself to us in many ways. Below are the historical examples of how God has revealed his glory. Take a moment to read the verses out loud and briefly discuss what aspect of God's glory is revealed.

SEVEN MANIFESTATIONS OF GOD'S GLORY

1. IN CREATION: HE REVEALS THE GLORY OF HIS PERFECTION THAT INSPIRES US.

Read: Psalm 19:1

Discussion: When you observe the creation of God, in what way(s) are you inspired?

2. IN EDEN: HE REVEALS THE GLORY OF HIS PROVIDENCE THAT SUPPORTS US.

Read: Genesis 1:31

3. IN THE EXODUS: HE REVEALS THE GLORY OF HIS POWER THAT DELIVERS US.

Read: Exodus 16:7-10

Discussion: In what way(s) was God's power manifested in the experiences or circumstances that led to Christ?

4. IN MOSES: HE REVEALS THE PARTIAL GLORY THAT CONFIRMS US.

Read: Exodus 33:18-23; Revelation 21:23

5. IN THE SANCTUARY: HE REVEALS THE GLORY OF HIS PRESENCE THAT ENCOURAGES US.

Read: Exodus 40:33-38; TEMPLE, 1 Kings 8:10-13

Discussion: Share a particular time that you feel God “showed up” in a time of special need. How do you relate to Moses’ experience of “fading glory”. What has been most effective in sustaining your sense of the nearness of God?

6. IN JESUS: HE REVEALS THE GLORY OF HIS PERSONHOOD THAT LEADS US. John 1:14

THE MYSTERY OF GOD’S GLORY

7. IN THE CHURCH: HE REVEALS THE GLORY OF HIS SPIRIT THAT EMPOWERS US.
Read: Ephesians 3:20-21. Colossians 1:27

Discussion: Discuss the challenges of the two following approaches to becoming like Christ.

1. Allow Jesus to be your life coach in guiding you to live like Him
2. Allow the Spirit of Christ to operate within you empowering you to live like Christ.

Our task is not to try to be like Jesus but to allow Jesus to live in us and through us. When we allow God to live in us it is shown outwardly by the way we conduct our lives. If we do what is directed in 1 Corinthians 10:31, God’s glory will be seen. When God’s glory is in us, it is stored in “jars of clay,” as we see in 2 Corinthians 4:6-7. In 2 Corinthians 4:8-10 we see that God’s glory is best demonstrated through us when we are facing troubles, or stress, or are under pressure. When we are put under pressure, what is inside us comes out. If we have God in us, his nature comes out through us. If we are living for ourselves then our insecurities, self-serving attitudes, anger, and inconsideration for others comes out.