

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

GLORY

WEEK 1: NOV. 27, 2022

Everlasting God,
Thank you for your
persistent love for us.
Help us to incorporate
the meaning of Glory
in our lives.
Amen

READ John 1:9-14

- 9 The true light that shines on all people
was coming into the world.
- 10 The light was in the world,
and the world came into being through the light,
but the world didn't recognize the light.
- 11 The light came to his own people,
and his own people didn't welcome him.
- 12 But those who did welcome him,
those who believed in his name,
he authorized to become God's children,
- 13 born not from blood
nor from human desire or passion,
but born from God.
- 14 The Word became flesh
and made his home among us.
We have seen his glory,
glory like that of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth.

GETTING STARTED

- Welcome each other.
- Inquire as to anyone who is missing. Is follow-up needed?
- What was your initial reaction to the title of this sermon series: GLORY?
- What are three words you would associate with GLORY?



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SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Describe a time when something that was "fuzzy" or abstract became real for you. How did the transition come about? On reflection, how do you feel about the experience? If it has changed your life in any way, how?
- This sermon series will be taking a look at the definitions and uses of the word GLORY. How has the word been used in your faith journey? How was it described? What questions do you have about the idea of GLORY?
- Pastor Jevon used this definition of GLORY: the visible manifestation of the presence or attributes of God. It's the invisible made visible. In what ways have you seen GLORY in your life and in the world? That is, how have God's presence or attributes been made apparent to you? What do you see as some barriers to "seeing" God's GLORY?
- God's revelation to humanity was progressive. Read Exodus 33: 18-23* and reread John 1 : 9-14. Compare the differences in God's revelation? How do you interpret the differences? What do they mean?
- There is always risk when we reveal more of ourselves than previously. Scripture reminds us of the harsh realities that, while God's GLORY was present, it was met with rejection. Why do you suspect people have such different responses to experiencing God's GLORY? In what ways have you personally experienced rejection?
- The GLORY described in John 1 was not based on a list of accolades or actions. It was not affected by outside influences. Rather, it was intrinsic. What does this mean? How does this give us hope for the future?
- Scripture refers to Gods GLORY as dwelling with God's people. What's does it mean for God to take up residence in our lives? What are the implications of a God that wants to reside with us--not just visit?
- Are there areas in your life or in our world where you need a greater awareness of God's residence, i.e. His GLORY?

*Exodus 33:18-23 - 18 Moses said, "Please show me your glorious presence."

19 The LORD said, "I'll make all my goodness pass in front of you, and I'll proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD.' I will be kind to whomever I wish to be kind, and I will have compassion to whomever I wish to be compassionate.

20 But," the LORD said, "you can't see my face because no one can see me and live."

21 The LORD said, "Here is a place near me where you will stand beside the rock.

22 As my glorious presence passes by, I'll set you in a gap in the rock, and I'll cover you with my hand until I've passed by.

23 Then I'll take away my hand, and you will see my back, but my face won't be visible."

PRAYER REQUESTS

