

Discussion Guide

Read Matthew 6:33 and reflect on it within the context of the message on glory.

“Seek first the Kingdom of God and all his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Refresh Your Memory

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. ³⁰ Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine.

1. When you think of the word “glory” what comes to mind? Share things that are praiseworthy for you. We all glory in something, actually many things, because there is so much that is good in life that is praiseworthy.

Does praise, whether it is the praise of God, people, or things of beauty, come natural to you or do you struggle to see the beauty in God, people and things?

Why is praise, the ability to assign worth or weight, important for our spiritual lives and personal mental health? Do you know people who constantly complain and never see the good in life or in God? What are they like?

2. When you think about the “glory of God” what comes to mind?

Psalm 29 says,

"Weight of Glory"

John 12: 20-30

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*Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*

*Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come before him.*

Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. (Vss. 1-2)

Try it as a group. Ascribe to God the glory due his name. Make a list of God's traits that you find praiseworthy and spend a few minutes as a group telling God what you appreciate about him.

3. What do people glory in today and do we as a society give God the glory that he is due?
4. People can really get caught up into cheering on their favorite sports team or getting into the music sung at a concert. Why does it seem so natural to go wild at concerts and sporting events but not when it comes to the worship of God?

Do you think we are too reserve in the worship of God? Do we really have to worship wildly? Is that what God really wants? If not, what does God want the most? (See I Samuel 5:22)

5. Share your favorite worship songs that glorify God. Consider ending the night with a time of praise and worship using some of these songs.
6. When do you experience God? Have you had a God-moment when you were suddenly moved by God? If so, share the context for when it happened, what happened, what you felt like and the impact it has had on your life.
7. Jesus obedience meant going to the cross. Our obedience is not nearly as costly and yet we still struggle to obey him. Why is that?

What are the most common struggles people have when it comes to obeying God? If you are comfortable sharing, what area(s) of your life did you struggle to bring into alignment with God's word?

8. React to the statement: "Obedience to God is not a moral issue but a glory issue." Have you ever thought about it in those terms? Does seeing obedience as a glory issue make it harder or easier to obey God?
9. Since it is the Thanksgiving season, it is appropriate to apply this message to the holiday. Tell God what you are thankful for this year. Focus on the Blesser more than on the blessings.

Happy Thanksgiving!