

The Glory of God

FCC Life Group Discussion Notes

Part 1. In the "Into the Depths of God" Series of Matthew Rogers

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Opening Prayer

- Thank God for revealing Himself to us and for the invitation to know Him more deeply in this new series.
- Ask Him to open our eyes to see the radiance of His presence and to stir a fresh hunger to experience His glory.

Ice Breaker

What's one thing in creation (a sunset, the ocean, a mountain, a night sky, etc.) that has ever stopped you in your tracks and made you feel small in the best possible way?

Key Scripture

Exodus 33:18 (NIV) – Ask a group member to read aloud.

Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

Sermon Summary

The glory of God is the radiance of His presence—the blazing beauty of who He is. As we begin the series *Into the Depths of God*, we discover that the most important thing about us is what we believe about God. Moses' bold request leads us into a simple but powerful progression: look for God's glory, see it most clearly in Jesus, and then show it in everyday life.

Discussion Point 1: Look for God's Glory

Scripture: Exodus 33:18-20 (NIV) – Ask a group member to read aloud.

Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory." And the Lord said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

Point Summary:

Moses had already experienced God in extraordinary ways, yet he still asked for more. Familiarity with God can quietly turn into complacency. The challenge is to keep asking, "God, show me Your glory," instead of settling for what we already know.

Suggested points for prayer is given in each prayer section and are up to the discretion of the leader.

Discussion Questions:

1. In what ways can long-time familiarity with church, Scripture, or Christian language make us less fascinated by God?
2. What would it look like practically this week to pray “Show me Your glory” when you open the Bible, walk into worship, or face something you don’t understand?

Discussion Point 2: See God’s Glory

Scripture: John 1:14 (NIV) – Ask a group member to read aloud.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Point Summary:

What Moses longed to see, the disciples actually observed in Jesus. The full radiance of God’s presence became visible in the person of Jesus—especially at the cross, where God’s holiness, justice, mercy, grace, faithfulness, and love shine brightest.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think the cross is the clearest place we see God’s glory, even though it doesn’t look “glorious” by human standards?
2. How does fixing our eyes on Jesus change the way we view God when life feels confusing or hard?

Discussion Point 3: Show God’s Glory

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV) – Ask a group member to read aloud.

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

Point Summary:

Seeing God’s glory is not meant to leave us unchanged. Worship is more than singing—it is a life that puts the greatness of God on display in ordinary moments: how we speak, forgive, work, spend, and love.

Discussion Questions:

1. Which everyday area of your life (work, marriage, parenting, conversations, money, disappointment) feels hardest right now to do “for the glory of God”?
2. How might someone who watches the way you live this week catch a glimpse of what God is like?

Wrap-Up

Moses asked to see God's glory. In Jesus we have seen it. And now we are invited to show it. The progression is simple and life-changing: Look for His glory. See His glory in Jesus. Show His glory in whatever we do. May the radiance of God's presence burn so brightly in us that others find Him irresistible too.

Challenge

This week take a 20-minute Awe Walk—no phone, no earbuds, no agenda. Simply walk and pray, “God, show me Your glory right here, right now.” Notice where His greatness is on display in creation and in ordinary moments. Then look for one specific way to show His glory to someone else (a kind word, an act of service, forgiveness, or generosity).

Closing Prayer

- Thank Jesus for making the glory of God visible and approachable.
- Ask God to keep us from settling into spiritual complacency and to keep us hungry for more of Him.
- Pray that our lives this week would reflect His greatness so others are drawn to Him.

Handout

Awe Walk – Experiencing the Glory of God

This week’s spiritual formation practice: Take a 20-minute walk (alone if possible) with no phone, music, or podcasts.

Before you start, pray: “God, show me Your glory. Show me right now where the radiance of Your presence is visible.”

As you walk, notice:

- Something beautiful or intricate in creation
- Something that reminds you of God’s power or creativity
- Something ordinary that still points to His goodness

At the end of the walk, write a few notes:

What did I notice that pointed to God’s glory?

Where did I sense God’s presence most clearly?

One way I can show His glory to someone this week:

Carry the simple prayer with you all week: “God, show me Your glory... Thank You for letting me see it in Jesus... Show Your glory through me.”