

# GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

## Midnight Clear

Week of November 25, 2018

### Week 1: The Glory of the Lord (Jeff Griffin, Senior Pastor)

Shepherds were outcasts in Jesus' day. They smelled bad, were not trusted, and were not welcome in a pious Jew's home. And yet it was to such shepherds that God revealed his glory (Luke 2:9).

1. What significance do you find in the fact that God chose to reveal his glory to outcasts?

To help us understand what the shepherd's experienced, Jeff showed us how four Old Testament characters were impacted by their encounters with God's glory.

#### **Moses: Transformed by the glory of God**

Jeff defined God's glory as "his character on display." When Moses came away from his encounter with God's glory his own face was radiant (Exodus 34:29; cf. 2 Corinthians 3:18).

2. If it's true that people tend to reflect what they worship, which of God's traits are you most eager to see reflected in your own life? Why is that? (see Exodus 34:6-7 for God's character on display for Moses.)

#### **David: Delighted by the glory of God**

David's response to God's glory was sheer delight. He said, "I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you" (Psalm 62:2-3; cf. Psalm 27:4).

3. What aspect of God's glory is most likely to evoke a sense of delight in your own soul? Why is that?

#### **Isaiah: Motivated by the glory of God**

Isaiah saw a vision of God's glory in which the angels called to one another, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory" (Isaiah 6:3; cf. Psalm 19:1). This exalted vision of God's glory led Isaiah to answer God's evangelistic call with an enthusiastic, "Here am I, Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8).

4. Based on Isaiah's experience, how might worship motivate evangelism? What does our church's mission statement, "To Love Him More So More Love Him," have to say about this?

#### **Elijah: Revitalized by the glory of God**

God revealed his glory to Elijah not in the wind, the earthquake, or the fire. Instead, God revealed his glory in a whisper that revitalized Elijah's resolve to live for God (1 Kings 19:11-13ff).

5. Do you suppose God may be whispering His glory to you in ways that are easy to miss? How so?
6. How do you see yourself being most impacted as you've grown in your understanding of God's glory? Are you being transformed to reflect God's character (like Moses)? Delighted just to be in God's presence (like David)? Motivated to serve God (like Isaiah)? Revitalized to live for God (like Elijah)?

*Pray together that your hearts would be hungry for more of God's glory—whether it be through His word, His world, or His whisper.*