



GROUP QUESTIONS FOR **MAY 3**

Series: True Worship

Worship and the Glory of God

Icebreakers!

1. What important, weighty moment in history do you wish you could have been present for? Why that one?
2. How do people today try to make their lives matter? What do they chase after, or what do they connect themselves to?

Growing Together

3. What is *glory*? How do you recognize when something is *glorious*?
4. Look up one of these passages and ask: what does this reveal about God's glory?
Exodus 33:17-23 • Exodus 34:5-9 • Isaiah 6:1-3 • Isaiah 42:5-8 • Ezekiel 1:26-28
5. How have we exchanged the glory of God for other things? How have we fallen short of God's glory?
6. Look up one of these passages and ask: how is God's glory connected to Jesus?
John 1:14, 18 • Matthew 17:1-9 • John 14:4-6 • Colossians 1:15-20 • Hebrews 1:3
7. Think of a *glorious* event, or a *glorious* scene. How do people react to something like that, without even thinking about their reaction?
8. How do the things of this world steal our attention away from God and His glory? What helps you in your struggle to bring your focus back on the glory of God?
9. Does your active worship match God's glory? How can we raise up our worship to reflect His glory more fully – to *glorify* Him well?
10. **From the message this Sunday: What questions do you have? What encouraged you? What challenged you? Where did you see the Gospel?**

Head, Heart, and Hands

11. What has the "weight" of glory in your life? Is there something else that gets more weight of importance on your life than God?
12. What about Jesus and His glory will you meditate on to train your heart on how weighty He must be in your everyday life?
13. What are some ways to begin worshipping God regularly, outside of our "worship services" as a church?

Exodus 33:17-23

And the LORD said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Please show me your glory." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." And the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

Exodus 34:5-9

The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. And he said, "If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance."

Isaiah 6:1-3

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!"

Isaiah 42:5-8

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread

out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

Ezekiel 1:26-28

And above the expanse over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness with a human appearance. And upward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were gleaming metal, like the appearance of fire enclosed all around. And downward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness around him. Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking.

John 1:14, 18

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

John 14:8-9

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

Hebrews 1:3

He [Jesus] is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high ...