



LifeGroup Discussion Questions

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Summary

God came as a man and He revealed God's glory so we could behold it. If we get a glimpse of the glory of God it will transform us and those we meet.

Scripture

So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. John testified about him when he shouted to the crowds, "This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'Someone is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.'" From his abundance, we have all received one gracious blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses, but God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself, God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us. -John 1:14-18 (NLT)

Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me." -John 20:29 (NLT)

You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls. -1 Peter 1:8-9 (NLT)

Let's Start

As Pastor Dale asked at the beginning of the service if you could afford it, would you climb aboard a rocket ship so you could visit outer space? What are some other adventures that you would like to take?

Gratitude and Prayer

What happened this past week that you are grateful for? What would you like to pray for today? How did God work in your life since the last time we were together? What is He doing through you as it relates to your Adopt 7?

Let's Talk

1. Can you recall a time when you were overcome by the love and joy of being in the presence of the glory of Jesus? What were the outcomes of that experience?
2. "By realizing that Jesus makes sense out of life we experience the glory of His presence because He makes us feel complete." Has this statement been true in your life? How?
3. Pastor Dale talked about how sin causes us to seek out and rotate our lives around anything but God. What are you tempted to rotate around? What are some biblical examples of sin causing someone to rotate their lives around anything but God?
4. Do you think it's possible to rotate your life around the institutional church (buildings, programs, personalities) and not God? Explain.
5. Pastor Dale shared that when you focus on the glory of Jesus you will look at everything else in your life differently. Why do you suppose the glory of Jesus changes how we look at everything else? What can you do to purposefully focus on the glory of Jesus each day?

Let's Act

Each day this week, choose an attribute of God to meditate on. Following is a list of attributes, their meaning, and accompanying scripture from Josh McDowell.

Because God is:

All-Powerful... He can help me with anything.

"O Sovereign Lord! You have made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you! Jeremiah 32:17 (NIV)

Ever-present... He is always with me.

"Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. Psalms 139:7-12 (NIV)

Knows everything... I will go to Him with all my questions and concerns.

He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. Daniel 2:21 (NIV)

Sovereign... I will joyfully submit to His will.

All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: "What have you done?" Daniel 4:35 (NIV)

Holy... I will devote myself to Him in purity, worship and service.

As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." 1 Peter 1:14-16 (NIV)

Absolute truth... I will believe what He says and live accordingly.

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32 (NIV)

Righteous... I will live by His standards.

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24 (NIV)

Just... He will always treat me fairly.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. 2 Corinthians 5:10 (NIV)

Love... He is unconditionally committed to my well-being.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:35, 37-39 (NIV)

Merciful... He forgives me of my sins when I sincerely confess them.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 (NIV)

Faithful... I will trust Him to always keep His promises.

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV)

Never changes... My future is secure and eternal.

"Who has done this and carried it through, calling forth the generations from the beginning? I, the LORD—with the first of them and with the last—I am he." Isaiah 41:4 (NIV)

