



## **Small Group Study Questions**

Sermon on January 14, 2024

### **Ezekiel 1:4-28 (NASB)**

### **Ezekiel 43:1-5 (NASB)**

43 Then he led me to the gate, the gate facing east; 2 and behold, the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the way of the east. And His voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone from His glory. 3 And it was like the appearance of the vision which I saw, like the vision which I saw when He came to destroy the city. And the visions were like the vision which I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face. 4 And the glory of the Lord entered the house by way of the gate facing east. 5 And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner courtyard; and behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house.

### **Matthew 24:30 (NASB)**

30 And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory.

### **Revelation 21:23 (NASB)**

23 And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illuminated it, and its lamp is the Lamb.

## DIGGING DEEPER

What are some ways the biblical writers describe God?

In Exodus 33:18-23, we see Moses being allowed to see the back (or the afterglow) of God's glory. What kind of effect did this have on Moses? (Hint: Exodus 34:29-35)

### **Read Ezekiel 1:1-4**

Ezekiel's vision seems similar to a huge thunderhead or funnel cloud except for the glowing middle. Weather phenomena are usually linked to "mother nature", El-Niño(a), or explained by low/high-pressure systems. Should we see God's glory or recognize anything about God through those powerful storms?

Does God use the natural world and storms to accomplish his will? Why or why not?

### **Read Ezekiel 1:5-14**

The first description of these creatures is like a human. Since God created angelic creatures to resemble humans, what does that say about his view of humanity?

These beings were unified in their actions of moving forward, backward, and side-to-side in a straight line. Who's will are they unified in following?

What is the most fascinating description to you about these angelic beings?

## DIGGING DEEPER

### Read Ezekiel 1:22-28

Ezekiel wasn't seeing God directly, but a representation of him through his glory (see verse 28). What do some of these descriptions tell us about our God?

Do you think of God in human terms? How does thinking of him in grander ways enhance our worship or desire to follow him?

## TAKING IT HOME

## PRAYER REQUEST

