



# Outward Group Discussion Guide

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## SUMMARY

This sermon explores the contrast between living under the bondage of the law and experiencing the transformative freedom found in Christ. Using the account of Moses' shining face after encountering God's glory, the message emphasizes that believers no longer need to focus on their insufficiency or failures. Instead, through the indwelling Holy Spirit, Christians receive the righteousness of Christ and are progressively transformed into His image. The sermon challenges believers to stop living in condemnation and self-improvement cycles, and instead to behold the glory of Jesus Christ, which produces genuine transformation from one degree of glory to another. This transformation enables believers to be the light of the world, reflecting Christ's glory to their communities.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does the story of Moses' encounter in the hot tub illustrate the difference between trying to earn God's approval through our own efforts versus receiving His grace through Christ?
2. In what ways do we put a 'veil' over our faces today, either hiding from God's glory because of our sin or trying to conceal our spiritual inadequacy from others?
3. What does it mean that 'the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life,' and how does this challenge religious systems focused primarily on rules and regulations?
4. How can understanding that our 'sufficiency is from God' rather than ourselves change the way we approach our failures and shortcomings?
5. Why do you think the Israelites were afraid of Moses' shining face, and what does this reveal about how sin affects our ability to be in God's presence?
6. What is the significance of Paul saying that believers are being transformed 'from one degree

of glory to another,' and how does this shape our expectations for spiritual growth?

7. How does focusing on the 'radiance of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ' differ from focusing on our own sin and failures in producing lasting change?
8. In what practical ways can we 'behold the glory of the Lord' in our daily lives, and what role do Scripture reading, prayer, and community play in this?
9. What does it mean to be 'the light of the world' in your specific workplace or community, and how might this look different from simply trying to be a good person?
10. How does the concept of having Christ's righteousness given to us rather than earned by us challenge or comfort you in your current spiritual journey?