



Outward Group Discussion Guide

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SUMMARY

This sermon explores the transformative power of God's glory through the account of Moses descending Mount Sinai with a radiant face in Exodus 34. The pastor draws parallels between Moses' shining face reflecting God's glory and the believer's transformation through Christ. The message emphasizes three key aspects of God's glory: it transforms us into His image, it transfixes our gaze upon Him rather than our circumstances or struggles, and it transcends our human understanding, revealing our need for the gospel. The sermon culminates in the revelation that while Moses reflected a fading glory through the law, Jesus Christ embodies the permanent, superior glory of grace and truth. The pastor challenges listeners to examine whether their hearts are veiled or open to God's transforming presence, emphasizing that true change comes not from self-effort but from beholding the glory of the Lord.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does the image of Moses' glowing face after spending time with God challenge our understanding of what it means to be transformed by His presence?
2. In what ways are you currently trying to transform yourself through your own efforts rather than by beholding God's glory?
3. The sermon suggests that focusing too intently on rooting out sin or fixing brokenness can become an idol. How might this be true in your own spiritual journey?
4. What does it mean practically for God's glory to transfix us, and how would your daily priorities shift if your gaze were truly fixed on Him rather than your circumstances?
5. When have you experienced a moment where the weight and transcendence of God's glory left you undone, similar to Isaiah's response in Isaiah 6?
6. How does understanding the law as a ministry of death versus the gospel as the ministry of the

Spirit change your approach to living out your faith?

7. The pastor mentions that the enemy loves it when our attention is fixed on anything other than God. What good things in your life might be distracting you from beholding His glory?
8. Paul writes that when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. What veils might be covering your heart and preventing you from fully responding to God's glory?
9. How does the contrast between looking at reflected glory like the moon versus looking directly at the sun help you understand the difference between the Old Covenant and Jesus?
10. In what specific area of your life do you need to stop white-knuckling and instead allow God's transforming glory to do the work only He can do?