

Sermon Guide



“The Story of Glory” August 28th, 2022

“When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you...’”

John 17

1. **In John 5, Jesus says, “I do not receive glory from people.”** In what ways would this way of living free you? (You can share something from the past week or a particular season of your life).
2. **God can be happy in Himself because of His Triune nature.** We reflect this by experiencing joy with others. How have you recently experienced the joy of being “others focused”? How does that relate to the trinitarian nature of God?
3. **RD says that images are supposed to reflect something else, not itself.** We are made in the image of God, and yet so often we want to reflect our own image. God is always at work in helping us grow into those who more fully reflect His image. Sin distorts, but God redeems. How is God currently shaping His image in you? (Don’t be shy– celebrate the work of His Spirit! Glorify Him!)
4. **“Obedience and disobedience are glory issues.”** The weightiest things in our lives often enslave because we want our own glory. Think back to a season in which you disobeyed God. Reflect on that moment. In what ways were “glory issues” driving your disobedience?
5. **We are to seek the glory of God.** What do you think that means and how can it shape your daily life?
6. **God crowns you with glory (Psalm 8).** We are to reflect God’s glory. In what ways do you need to remind yourself of the truths of Psalm 8, that God crowns you with glory and honor?

We often talk about taking your next step of faith with Jesus. As you reflect on this week's teaching, what is the next step of faith you'll commit to?