



Discipleship Guide

Sermon: Filled | Glory

Speaker: Pastor John Eric Zayas

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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Key Takeaways:

1. The glory of God (kabod in Hebrew, doxa in Greek) represents His weight, importance, and reputation.
2. Through Jesus, we can now experience and reflect God's glory without being overwhelmed by it.
3. We are meant to be filled with God's glory and reflect it to others.
4. Mothers play a crucial role in passing on faith and reflecting God's glory to the next generation.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does the "glory of God" mean to you personally? How have you experienced it in your life?
2. The sermon mentions that we can now "experience the glory and no longer be eliminated by it but be filled with it." How does this change your perspective on encountering God?
3. Reflect on the example of Lois, Eunice, and Timothy. How have you seen faith

passed down through generations in your own family or community?

4. How can we, as believers, better reflect God's glory to those around us, especially to younger generations?
5. The sermon emphasizes motherhood as a "spiritual position." How can we honor and support both biological and spiritual mothers in our church community?
6. Discuss the concept of "ever-increasing glory" (2 Corinthians 3:18). How can we cultivate this in our own spiritual lives?

Practical Applications:

1. This week, intentionally seek to "reflect" God's glory in a specific area of your life (e.g., at work, with family, in a challenging situation).
2. If you're a parent or mentor, consider how you can more intentionally pass on your faith to those you influence. Make a plan for one specific action you'll take.
3. Take time to honor a mother figure in your life (biological or spiritual). Write them a note of appreciation or perform an act of service for them.
4. Spend time in prayer asking God to fill you more with His glory. Journal about any insights or experiences you have.
5. As a group, discuss ways you can support and encourage mothers (both biological and spiritual) in your church community.

Closing Prayer (Scripture for Further Study):

- Exodus 33:18-23
- 2 Corinthians 3:7-18
- 2 Timothy 1:3-6

5-DAY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Day 1: Experiencing God's Glory

Reading: Exodus 33:18-23, 2 Corinthians 3:7-18

Devotional: Moses longed to see God's glory, but could only glimpse a portion. Yet through Christ, we can now experience God's glory more fully. Reflect on times you've sensed God's presence powerfully. How has encountering His glory changed you? Today, ask God to reveal more of His glory in your life, transforming you "from glory to glory" as you spend time in His presence.

Day 2: The Power of a Mother's Faith

Reading: 2 Timothy 1:3-7, Proverbs 31:25-31

Devotional: Timothy's faith was nurtured by his grandmother Lois and mother Eunice. Their influence shaped his spiritual journey profoundly. Consider the spiritual mentors in your life - how have they impacted your faith? If you're a parent or mentor, how can you intentionally pass on your faith to the next generation? Pray for wisdom and grace to reflect God's love to those in your sphere of influence.

Day 3: From Darkness to Light

Reading: Acts 9:1-19, Ephesians 5:8-14

Devotional: Paul's encounter with Jesus on the Damascus road literally and spiritually moved him from darkness to light. His physical blindness mirrored his spiritual state, but God's glory broke through. Where in your life do you need God's light to shine? Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate any dark areas, bringing revelation and transformation. Commit to walking as a child of light today.

Day 4: Reflecting God's Glory

Reading: Matthew 5:14-16, 1 Peter 2:9-12

Devotional: As believers, we're called to reflect God's glory to the world around us. Like a mirror catching the sun's rays, our lives should radiate Christ's love and character. How brightly is your light shining? Are there areas where sin or complacency have dimmed your witness? Pray for a fresh filling of God's Spirit, empowering you to shine His light boldly in your daily interactions.

Day 5: Glory in Suffering

Reading: Romans 8:18-30, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Devotional: Even in our deepest pain, God's glory can shine through. Paul reminds us that our present sufferings pale in comparison to the glory that awaits us. When facing trials, it's easy to lose sight of this eternal perspective. Reflect on a current struggle - how might God be using it to reveal His glory? Ask for grace to persevere, trusting that He is working all things for your good and His glory.