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Contemplate his glory. . .

SCRIPTURES:

Hebrews 1:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12
John 8:2-11
Luke 22:47-51
Luke 18:9-14

INTRODUCTION:

What is your go-to coping mechanism in times of stress or struggle? If you have chosen to participate in Lent, how has this practice impacted this struggle? It's not too late. Is there a practice you would like to begin this week?

SERMON SUMMARY:

Jesus was the ultimate image-bearer of God because he represented more than a physical expression of God's glory. **Read Hebrews 1:1-3. In what ways did Jesus display God's glory?**

This is important because we are looking to Jesus to try to become more like him. **Read 2 Corinthians 3:18.** Paul explains that "contemplating his glory" is a necessary part of the process of being transformed into his image from the inside out. Contemplating Jesus' life just helps us to recognize discrepancies in our own lives. **Look up the definition of contemplation. How much do you engage this practice in your spiritual journey? What about it could deepen your relationship with Jesus?**

Read one or all (depending on time) of the following and contemplate Jesus' response.

John 8:2-1; Luke 22:47-51; Luke 18:9-14

How does Jesus radiate God's glory?

How does each story challenge you to be transformed into His image?

APPLICATION:

In what ways do you settle for *looking like Jesus* on the exterior instead of pursuing *living and loving like Jesus* through internal transformation?

Where do you see inconsistencies between your heart and Jesus'?

How has Jesus helped you to move forward in contemplating his glory?

How can you contemplate God's glory this week?