

Life Group Discussion

Stairway To Heaven - Part 3

Big Idea

This week, Pastor Ryan continued in our series, "Stairway To Heaven". Our focus has been on learning to reflect the glory of God and his characteristics in our lives. Our two theme verses are:

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

*18 And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are **being transformed** into his image with **ever-increasing glory**, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*

2 Corinthians 3

*6 Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal. In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. 7 The first living creature was like a **lion**, the second was like an **ox**, the third had a face like a **man**, the fourth was like a flying **eagle**.*

Revelation 4

Discussion

1. What did you enjoy from Sunday's message? What did you learn?
2. Read **2 Corinthians 3:17-18**. Discuss what you have learned about God's transforming work. What are some examples of things God changes in us as we learn to reflect him?
3. In **Revelation 4** we see a unique scene with four distinct faces that represent God's glory. Pastor Ryan shared in his message that the face of the eagle represented the excellent nature of God. How would you, with scripture and/or experience, describe the excellence of God?
4. Read **Daniel 6:1-3**. Daniel so distinguished himself with exceptional qualities that he was rewarded with more responsibility. Daniel was able to do this as an oppressed servant. How does this inform and inspire you?
5. Let's get practical... Pastor Ryan mentioned three actions we could take to begin moving towards God's excellence.
 - a. Do the small things well - See Mathew 25:23
 - b. Do more than is expected - See Matthew 5:41
 - c. Do it before you're asked - Daniel 6:3

Define how you could exercise something in each of these three ways.

Next Step

In addition to taking action with excellence this week we encourage you to think beyond.

We're hopeful that one by product of coming close to Jesus in this season helps us attract others to our faith. As you prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Christ this Easter who do you hope to have join you?

Pray

Close your time together by praying for one another according to your needs.