

EXODUS

Week 40: The Glory of God Part III

Memory Verse:

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
Psalm 34:8

1) CATCH UP ON LIFE

This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. Because God is our Father we are family. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?

What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)? Are there any practical needs you have right now?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

2) REVIEW THE MISSION

Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit we have been sent as missionaries in everyday life to display God's glory and lead others to repentance and faith through belief in the gospel. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

Who is one person that you are building with that you can take the next step with this week? What do you plan to do?

3) CARE NIGHT

We are called to bear one another's burdens and to walk in the light together, and that is what we are going to focus on this evening. Break up into gender-based groups and use these questions to guide you. Make sure your group members go back and listen to the sermon if they have not by group meeting time. Remember also to encourage one another to give good news before good advice. (Galatians 6:1-5, James 5:16, 1 John 1:5-10)

The sermon showed us how 2 Corinthians 3 helps us understand the glory of God.

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Therefore, we get to behold the glory of God through sanctification, *being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another*. That's the goal of Care Night, to help us grow from one degree of glory to another.

- What have been some of the temptations and struggles you've been facing the last month?
- How have you been practicing the disciplines of word and prayer?
- What can we pray for (specifically) in your life right now? How can we encourage you and hold you accountable?