

**LEADERS**

Be on the lookout for an email on Tuesday to RSVP to the SGL Meet Up on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

**LEARN**

What stood out from Sunday's sermon that was most helpful, encouraging, or challenging?

What were some of the key verses/passages Scott referenced Sunday? Read some of them together, then answer: What does it mean that "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God"?

(Verse ideas: Genesis 1:26-27, 3:4-5, Proverbs 25:27, Jeremiah 2:11-12, John 12:42-43, Romans 1:21-25, 3:23, 5:12-14. In falling short of God's glory, we "lack" what we could have. We continually choose something else besides God to glorify, or glory in. Sin hates glorifying God.)

How would you talk about the good news of the gospel in a way that is explicitly about God's glory?

(Leaders: This is an important time to rehearse "big truths" of the gospel from the lens of glory.

Example: God created us for his glory. We are all glory seekers. Sin is anything that exchanges his glory for something else, we all have made that exchange and are guilty before God. Jesus is the glory of God revealed, he lived for glory of the Father, died in our place, rose and is seated at right hand of Father. Salvation is a free gift of God's glorious grace received by faith.)

**PRACTICE**

What are 1-2 examples of times you know you've "exchanged" God's glory for some lesser glory?

How are you tempted to do that still today?

In a practical sense, what's wrong with trying to reconstruct our identity/image apart from God?

(If only God can give us identity, then searching for it or reconstructing it apart from the truth of His Word will end in disaster, frustration, and emptiness. Even if someone would say they were happy with the identity they gave themselves, that is a false identity and unable to give true life.)

What should we do when we are "stuck in a glory rut"? Why do these 3 things need to be done in an ongoing way for every Christian?

(Reset your value system, rehearse your identity, confess where you still make the exchange.)

**All-Group Prayer idea:** Call out to God together, asking his help and power in accepting the identity he gives us in Christ as being true and supreme to all other places we seek identity or glory.

**CHANGE** (This question is designed for men's/women's breakout time, but use it as you see fit)

In what areas of life are you tempted to take identity from someone or something other than God?

How can you better train yourself to rehearse your true identity in Christ?

(Ideas: Rehearse it in prayer, with God, asking him to help you grow in understanding your identity in Christ. Put the letter "I" in your Bible everywhere you see identity language. Memorize 4-5 verses that specifically deal with our identity given by God as Christians.