

LEADERS

Heads up! The "Doxa" series comes to an end February 24th. The next series is a long series studying 1 Samuel. This Spring may be a great opportunity to take time to study something from the Pre-Approved Teacher list! You will find it on the SG Leader Resource page online. If you decided to do that, please remember to provide feedback to Pastor Chris about your group's experience.

LEARN

Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 together. What stands out in the passage and from Sunday's sermon that was helpful, challenging, or encouraging?

What do we need to understand about the nature of spiritual blindness Paul writes about in verse 4? (It's pervasive - all unbelieving people are blinded by Satan. It's a blindness of the mind, kept from seeing the glory of Christ in the gospel. People can know facts of Jesus but not behold/see his glory.)

Read verse 6 again. Of what importance is it to celebrate God's activity in saving us and not focus on ourselves?

(God *has shone* in our hearts and *gave us* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in Jesus. Ultimately salvation is from the Lord. Celebrating that enhances our worship and increases our joy.)

PRACTICE

How can you ensure that your understanding of, and proclamation of, the gospel is not centered on you but on Jesus as Lord?

(Ideas: Focus on God's actions in your gospel presentation, not yours. Don't over-sell how bad you were, but how great God is. Keep Jesus' work central, emphasizing that his work is enough to save.)

What does it look like for you to personally be captivated by the glory of God seen in the gospel of Jesus?

How does this sermon series on the glory of God need to impact both your motivation for proclaiming the gospel and the content of the gospel you proclaim?

All Group Prayer Idea: Take 10-15 minutes as a large group, each person praying out loud for at least one person by name they want to speak the gospel to in the near future. Ask God to do in their lives what he's done in yours and what is described in verses 4-6.

CHANGE

Reflect on your time in prayer and the Word within the past week. If it were all audio/video recorded and played back to you, what would it say about your heart being captivated (or not) by God's glory? (Leaders: The point isn't just how many minutes/hours we're in prayer and reading the Word, but a self-diagnostic of whether we're pursuing God, worshiping God, trusting God and growing in union with Christ through those times. Press beyond simple answers and consider asking "Given what you just said, what do you need to ask God to change in your heart?")