



1) What is the glory of God?

- The glory that comes down.

Five things about glory:

- Glory means weighty.
- Glory is what emanates from God. What wet is to water, what light is to bulb, what heat is to flame, is what glory is to God.
- Glory is what can be known of God.
Hab. 2:14 For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.
- Glory is God's fingerprint.
Psa. 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
- Glory is the longing of every human heart. Our hearts were made for glory.
2 Cor. 4:6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
Exo. 33:18 "Please show me your glory."

- The glory goes up.

Ascribe – What the creation does passively I'm created to do intentionally.

- I cannot add anything to God. God is infinitely glorious and he cannot get anymore glorious. God is infinitely strong and he cannot get any stronger.
- Giving glory to God means I give attention to his glory. I give what his glory deserves.
- Glory goes to God means that I think, say, and do things with my body that declare the supremacy of God.
- Glory goes to God when I live in such a way that when someone gazes into my life they think, "God is glorious. I see him in a way I've never seen him before." The closer someone gets to me the better picture of God they should see and the more glorious he should appear.

Magnify – You can magnify something with a microscope or a telescope.

- When you magnify with a microscope you make something small look bigger than it really is. It is impossible to magnify God with a microscope. You will never be able to make him appear bigger or more glorious than he really is.
- When you magnify with a telescope you make something massive and far away appear closer and more like it really is.

Glory Failure – What keeps the glory from coming down and going up?

- The bible defines sin as glory failure
- Rom. 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
- Sin is the exchange of God's glory for a lesser glory.
- Rom. 1:23 [They] exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.
- Acts 12:23 Immediately an angel of the Lord struck [Herod] down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last.
- Isa. 48:11 My glory I will not give to another.





DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Our hearts are little glory factories.
- If our hearts will not glorify God, it will find something else to glorify.
- Whatever you glorify reveals what you worship.
- The greatest enemy to God's glory is my own.
 - *Psa. 115:1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory.*

2) How can I glorify God?

- **My existence glorifies God.**
 - Isaiah 43:7 I created [you] for my glory, whom I formed and made.
- **My praise glorifies God.**
 - Psalm 96. (Sing, tell, declare, praise, fear, bring, come, tremble)
- **My reproduction glorifies God.**
 - *John 15:8-11 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.*
 - There is no competition between God's glory and my joy.
- My suffering glorifies God.
 - *1 Peter 4:16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.*
- My conduct glorifies God.
 - *1 Peter 2:12 Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.*

Am I a reflection of His Glory?

- Do my words and attitudes toward others reflect the glorious love that God has for all people?
- Does my response to disappointment, hurt, slander, or offense reflect the glory of God's mercy and forgiveness?
- When I'm tempted to worry or fear, does my trust reflect my trust in the glory of God's wisdom and ability?
- Do I control my appetites for food, drink, drugs, and sex in a way that reflects that God alone is gloriously satisfying to the hunger in my soul?
- Do I respond to authority in a way that reflects my belief in the glory of God's sovereignty?
- (Husbands) Does my love for my wife reflect the glory of Christ's love for his church?
- (Wives) Does my respect for my husband reflect the submission the church gives to the headship of Christ?
- (Parents) Does my training of my children and the activities I allow them to participate in reflect the glory of God's supremacy?
- Does my participation in corporate worship reflect the glory of God's majesty and splendor?
- Does my effort and endurance in work, school, or play reflect God's glorious work as creator and sustainer?
- Does my giving, saving, and spending reflect the glory of God's sufficiency?
- Does my management of my body, possessions, and space reflect the glory of God's care and concern for me?
- Does my promise keeping reflect the glory of God's faithfulness? (Do I keep my word because God gloriously keeps his?)
- Do my choices in fashion and entertainment (Television, Movies, Music, Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, etc.) reflect the glory of God's holiness?
- When I've sinned, does my confession and repentance of sin reflect my belief in the glory of the cross to forgive and cleanse?





DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

3) What is the result of Glorifying God?

- I will be transformed gradually.

- *2 Corinthians 3:18 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.*

- We will behold his glory and we will become perfect reflectors of his glory

- Beholding God's glory is the key to becoming gloriously changed.

- I will be glorified eternally.

- *Rom. 8:30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.*

those who live their lives to glorify God will be glorified by the One who is their glory.

