



Glory. We hear it in some of our favorite Christmas carols. The angels proclaim it in the story of Christmas. We even sing about it ourselves. Yet what exactly is glory and what does it have to do with Christmas? Even still, what difference does it make, really? Join us for this five week series and discover the wonder! You will never be the same again!

**Discussion Questions:** (Leaders please review each question and pick those that will be most beneficial for your group.)

1. Read Exodus 33:12-23 & 34:5-7. In this passage Moses makes the greatest request anyone can ever ask of God. But leading up to this he first asks God to show him his ways so can know him better, (vv.12-13). Do know God personally? If so, do you desire to know God better by doing what pleases him? What does 1 John 5:2-3 say about this? What commands of God do you need to obey to express your love to him?
2. God answers Moses first request by promising to go with him and give him rest (v.14). Yet Moses is after something more from God, what is it (vv.15-16)? What is the only thing that distinguishes you and me as Christ-followers from those who don't know him? What changes do you need to make to depend on God's power and presence in every area of your life?
3. God again responds positively to Moses second request (v.17), yet Moses is still not satisfied. This leads him to make the greatest request anyone can ever ask of God - to see his glory (v.18). God wants you and me to get to the place in our relationship with him where we desire him more than we want him to meet our needs, or remove our hardships, or even heal our broken relationships. In what area of your life do you most need to see God's glory? "God, I need to see you in my \_\_\_\_\_."
4. God responds to Moses' request to see his glory by revealing his unconditional love, his forgiveness of sin and his perfect justice (Ex. 34:5-7). How can God be both completely loving and perfectly just at the same time? How is the gospel the perfect expression of this?
5. From this story we learn that only desperate people see God's glory. Why was Moses desperate to see God's glory? How desperate are you to see God show up in your situation and reveal his love and forgiveness and to transform you into person who loves unconditionally, forgives freely and deals justly with others? Will you pray every day until Christmas, "God, show me your glory in my \_\_\_\_\_?" and then look for him to show up?