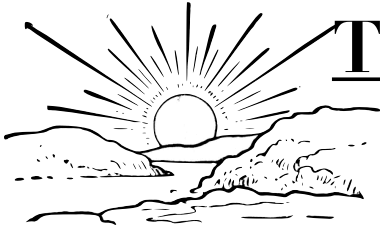


Ponderosa Bible Church
Sermon Based Small Group
Monday, October 19, 2020



The Mystery of Glory

EXODUS 34:5-9

For the Leader: *The person leading the small group really needs to watch the Sermon titled “The Mystery of Glory” on the Ponderosa Bible Church YouTube channel in order to have a full discussion for this small group.*

- *This guide is NOT MEANT to be studied in preparation for the small group you are leading but only to be looked over. This is a guide that is meant to compliment the Study Guide that is given out in the Sunday Morning bulletin. The only work that needs to be done beforehand is to listen to the Sunday Morning message and to use your Study Guide while listening to it. The study guide and the leader guide are your materials for the sermon based small group.*

“Digging Deeper” Fellowship time:

For the leader: *The purpose of these questions is to foster relationship building and to deepen the fellowship of the group.*

Fellowship time suggestion: Please make sure that you email or text everyone in your small group one time and remind them where the meeting is and what time what time you guys are getting together. This week we are really going to have some fun with our “digging deeper question.” Ask the members of your sermon based small group the following, “What is one fictional character that you wish was a real person? Why?” Remember, the goal is to make fellowship time last a half hour. However, be prepared to laugh and have fun with this question!

Sermon Based Study Questions:

For the leader: *A few things to remember while leading this study: (1) You are not TEACHING, you are facilitating! There will be small group leaders who have led a small group that will teach, but that is not the primary purpose of this leader guide, the primary purpose is to help you facilitate. Your job as a small group leader is to facilitate a discussion, not teach a lesson. The pastor has already taught the lesson, now you are trying to start a discussion on what was taught. You are putting a magnifying glass to the teaching and teasing out the details. (2) As a small group leader you want to bring out personal application of the Sunday message (which means you should have listened to it). Ask questions during the discussion, “How does this apply to you? What did you learn? How does this change your views on Christianity?” Etc. Personal application is the goal of the Sermon based small group. (3) It is not the goal of this outline to get through the whole guide, the goal is to foster conversation. While progressing through this guide is a desired outcome, don’t consider getting to the end as “success.” Success as defined by the “sermon based small group” is defined as equal parts fellowship and a deepening study of the Sunday Sermon. (4) Not every sub-point under a question needs to be asked, these are suggestions for you to consider while you are talking about the question from the study guide. If you asked the study guide question and had a good discussion about it then you may not even need to discuss the sub-points. These points exist to help you encourage a discussion.*

This week’s scripture: Exodus 34:5-9, “The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious,

slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.” And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. And he said, “If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.”

(1) What does the word “*kâbôd*” have to do with
glory?

****Ask ONE of the following UNLESS you think that asking both will make for a better discussion****

A. Does knowing the definition for the Hebrew word for glory help you understand what glory is better?

-or-

B. Does knowing what glory is change your understanding of it all? If so, how?

• **For the leader:** *In the Strongs concordance and the ESV Hebrew interlinear Bible the word “Kabod” is the same word that we translate into glory. For example, these are some of the verses that “Kabod” is used in:*

• Exodus 16:7- “and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?”

• Leviticus 9:23- “And Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting, and when they came out they blessed the people, and the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people.”

• 1 Samuel 4:21- “And she named the child Ichabod, saying, “The glory has departed from Israel!” because the ark of God had been captured and because of her father-in-law and her husband.”

• 2 Chronicles 5:14- “so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.”

So, there are some ideas as to how “Kabod” is used in the scripture. Here is what Strongs concordance has to say about “Kabod:”

כָּבוֹד *kabod*; from 3513; properly, weight, but only figuratively in a good sense, splendor or copiousness: — glorious(-ly), glory, honour(-able).

Used 200 times in scripture: -

How “Kabod” is used in scripture and what English word it is translated to:

glory 156,

honour 32,

glorious 10,

gloriously 1,

honourable 1;

glory, honour, glorious, abundance, riches, splendour, dignity, reputation, reverence.

(2) Fill in the following:

- A.** The glory of God manifested.
- B.** The glory of God in the Church.
- C.** The glory of God in the believer.

Ask ONE of the following UNLESS you think that asking both will make for a better discussion

A. Which one of these points stuck out to you the most?

-or-

B. Is there any point that you would add or take away from these?

• **For the leader:** *The points that were made in this teaching were specifically designed to “start wide,” and then narrow down to the individual. So while there may be a million things that could be added to these particular points, they were specifically emphasized in such a way to bring God’s glory to a personal application.*

(3) How does today’s world which maximizes the experiential misrepresent God’s Glory?

****Ask ONE of the following UNLESS you think that asking both will make for a better discussion****

A. Do you think that you may have had a wrong view of what God's glory is?

-or-

B. Do you think there is more to God's glory than what was discussed on Sunday?

• **For the leader:** *The reason why this particular subject was chose for a Sunday message is because much of the Church does have a highly superficial idea of what glory is. Our world has a tendency to focus on "the light show of God's glory" but that is not the intent or the point of what glory is. God's glory should compel worship, not because of the "flaming mountains, or falling stars, or heraldic angels" but because of who God is. If we focus on only the "light show" then it becomes easy to be deceived and we prime ourselves to be overtaken by false signs and wonders. People who maximize the experience of God's glory are how the anti-christ will be able to deceive by signs, wonders, and miracles. Experiential knowledge of God's glory without a relationship with God is just glitz and glamor and no more.*

(4) What does it mean to "live a life that manifest's God's glory working in it?" How is a believer supposed to accomplish this?

****Ask ONE of the following UNLESS you think that asking both will make for a better discussion****

A. Do you feel that you live a life that “manifests God’s glory working in it?”

-or-

B. Do you fully understand what this means?

• **For the leader:** *At the beginning of the message we talked about how Christ is the manifest glory of God. He is the express image of the Father’s will. If we are living lives that has Christ shining through them, and Christ is the manifest glory of God, then by default we radiate God’s glory. So the real question would be, “Are you living for Jesus?”*

(5) God’s glory is: The recognizable manifestation of the attributes of God? What does this definition mean and how does it relate to you as a believer?

****Ask ONE of the following UNLESS you think that asking both will make for a better discussion****

A. What are attributes?

-or-

B. When you think of God's attributes what comes to mind? What are some attributes you believe God has?

• **For the leader:** *The Oxford Dictionary of English defines attribute in the following way:*

- A quality or feature regarded as a characteristic or inherent part of someone or something : *flexibility and mobility are the key attributes of Britain's army .*

To compliment this definition I am providing you with the Chamber's Thesaurus section on synonyms for "attribute:"

Chamber's Thesaurus: Property , quality , virtue , point , aspect , facet , feature , trait , characteristic , idiosyncrasy , peculiarity , quirk , note , mark , side , streak , sign , indicator , symbol.

Hopefully this helps you have a thorough discussion on attribute and how it relates to God! (:

• **For further study please take a look at:** 1 Kings 19:11-13; Philippians 2:11; Colossians 1:27; 1 Corinthians 10:31; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Hebrews 1:3.

PLEASE READ, VERY IMPORTANT!!! How you close your meeting is very important so even if you do not get through all the questions and even if you stick on one point for far longer than you anticipated, please decide how you plan on ending your meeting before it has even started. It would even be good to choose a talking point to end the meeting on about ten minutes before it ends. Also decide who is going to pray to close out the meeting. Ending a meeting in an abrupt manner leads to a very awkward meeting. So have your last talking point ready to go along with someone chosen to pray in order to close the meeting smoothly.

