

#### SERMON GUIDE THE GLORY

John 1:1-18; Exodus 33:17-23; 34:5-8 Pastor Tim Prince

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# **SERMON NOTES**

OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (Year 1, Week 51)

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 ()

17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

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## **Conversation Questions**

The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

Scripture that stands out to you while you read
Observations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you
Application that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
Prayer that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

Getting to know me: Share about a time when you were struck with awe by something.

**Note about the passage:** The glory of God is his awesome presence made visible. (The idea of "weightiness" is also associated with God's glory. This is why people fall down and worship in God's presence - they're overcome by the weightiness of God's glory.) Throughout the gospel of John, Jesus reveals God's glory, but it quickly becomes apparent that not everyone can perceive it.

### Read John 1:1-18 and Exodus 33:17-23, 34:5-8

- **S** What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated" or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- **O** What are some things that come to mind when you think about "the glory of God"? How woul define it if a friend asked you?
- **O** What are some examples you can think of in the life of Jesus where God's glory was revealed?
- **O** Why do you think some people see the glory of God in the life and work of Jesus and others do not?
- A If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A Do you see the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ? How so? How is it impacting your spirit right now? How is it impacting your life, your worship and love for God? Do you long to see more, like Moses did? What will you do in response to your study today?
- **P** Talk to God about your application responses. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction as needed.