



ABIDE The GLORY

ICEBREAKER

What has God been speaking to you about this week or recently in your devotional time?

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 6:1-6 — ¹*In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. ⁵"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty." ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar.*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

• **Read:** Isaiah 6:3

What images come to your mind when you think of God's glory? (For example, what have you seen in nature?)

• **Read:** Psalm 19:1

Try to describe the glory of God – the "fullness of his understanding, virtue and happiness".

Write down how you would describe the glory of God and then share with the group one of your thoughts.

• **Read:** Isaiah 6:1-6 (again)

Have you experienced a time when the glory of God came down and you were not able to "carry on with business as usual"?

If you recall a time when you experienced the "weight of all that God is" (the glory of God) - perhaps in a worship concert or worship service - please share with your group.

How was it different or similar to Isaiah's experience?

• **Read:** John 15:8

Just like nature reflects the glory of God, we are to reflect the glory of God.

According to this verse, what brings glory to God?

• **Read:** Galatians 5:22, Matthew 5:16, John 13:5

One of the fruits of the Holy Spirit is love.

How does obeying Jesus' commandment to love one another bring glory to God? What must accompany our good deeds?

Have you watched someone serving without the right attitude or motivation? What did you see?

• In our lives there will be people who are difficult to love. But Jesus says we must **love** to reflect God to others.

Litmus Test: Think of a person who has caused me harm, and then I ask myself, "Would I want for this person to live in heaven forever with God?" "Do I want this person to know God's best for their life as I want to know God's best for my life?" "Would I want God to forgive this person if they sincerely and humbly and sorrowfully asked for it?" "Am I willing to forgive them?"

I may not agree with what they did or say what they did was okay for them to do, or ever befriend them but I can love them in that I will not hold a debt against them. I release it, I forgive it and I move on.

Think of someone difficult in your life that you have struggled to love. Share about how God and you are working closer toward loving that person.

• **Read:** 1 Corinthians 10:31, 1 Corinthians 6:20, Ephesians 2:10, Romans 6:13, 1 Peter 4:11

Christians think (and live) differently than others. They think, "How can I glorify God?" or "How can I make Jesus shine through me?" **What stands out to you from these verses?**

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Reflect on these verses: 1 Corinthians 10:31, 1 Corinthians 6:20, Ephesians 2:10, Romans 6:13, 1 Peter 4:11. Ask God, "What pleases you about me?" or "How am I reflecting your love to others?" Listen and write down what God speaks to you.

MEMORY VERSE

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
— **Ephesians 2:10**

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