
Food for Thought for the Week of December 6, 2015

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. How did this message impact you? What challenged you? What questions did it raise? What confused you?
2. What makes truly understanding and adequately defining God's glory so complicated?
3. Why do you think the glory that shown in Moses' face faded once he came down from the mountain?
How can we apply this to our lives?
4. Christ is the visible manifestation of God's glory, the public display of His holiness. Why do you think God chose to make His glory known through poor, downtrodden, essentially uneducated people of such lowly estate?
5. According to Colossians 1:24-27, what is the mystery that was hidden from the past ages?
6. If God willed to make known the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory; what keeps Christians, from fully comprehending God's glory and acting on this exceptional news? In what ways has the church failed to embrace this most important concept?
7. What is hope? How do we often confuse the worldly view of hope with the certainty of biblical hope?
8. What hinders people from recognizing God's glory in Christ? What causes them not to see God's glory in believers?
9. How does "Christ in us" affect our faith? Our hope?
10. In what ways can we live our lives to give God glory? Reflect glory? Live off of glory?
11. Discuss how the woman at the well reflected God's glory and thus gave God glory?

Application:

1. What things do people boast in or take pride in today? What things do you boast in/take pride in today?
2. Are there issues that prevent people (or you) from recognizing God's glory in your life? If so, name some. On your own, in a quiet place, write out issues that are stumbling blocks for you.
3. What are some ways that we can employ to help us appreciate more fully what it means to have Christ in us? How can we help each other in this area?
4. What would change if we really understood Christ in us? Group discussion and individual meditation.

Scripture References: Psalm 8:1, Psalm 19:1, Psalm 29:1-2, Psalm 113:4 , Ezekiel 44:4 , Luke 2:9, Luke 2:14, Luke 9:32, Ephesians 3:21, Philippians 2:11 , Hebrews 1:3-4