

**Life Group Topic #33**  
**Bringing Glory to the Name of Jesus**

**WELCOME:** (15 minutes)

Identify someone who is widely known; whose name you highly respect? Why?

**WORSHIP:** (15 minutes)

Use whatever means possible to turn the group's attention to the wonder and majesty of our God- including music, prayer, meditation on the Psalms, and other art forms.

**WORD APPLICATION:** (45 minutes)

Briefly read or paraphrase the following sermon summary before moving to the heart of this section: the discussion around the application questions.

**Read John 17: 1-5**

The word glory is not widely understood---in Greek it is the word DOXA which speaks about an opinion but is reserved almost exclusively for *a good opinion*. So it is associated with words like *praise, honour, good reputation, good opinion* etc. The glory of God was linked to His attributes or characteristics...

- How does **John 1:1, 14, 18** affirm Jesus role in bringing God glory?
  
- The Hebrew use of glory adds a strong component of light.  
How does **Psalm 104:1-4 and Acts 9:3-8** contribute to this aspect of glory?

How do we bring God glory? **By bringing glory to His Son---by raising our estimate and other people's estimate of His worth.** That happens when His character, His attributes, His light, is seen in me...

John Follette said in *Broken Bread: Righteousness is imputed to us on the basis of His redemption, but never Christian character---this is the product of training, overcoming, discipline, trial, hardship, and intensive spiritual living---I cannot earn salvation, but by his grace I can overcome and thus become Christ-like in life and character.*

**Word Application Questions:**

**Please keep in mind that these questions are meant as catalysts designed to get the group talking about life application.**

1. Consider how Jesus' words and actions were woven together to reflect the glory of his Father. He always made sure that people knew that what he did for them was because of his unity with the Father, as the Son of God. Is it possible for God to be glorified in our worlds when we reflect Christ-like character but don't identify with Him? When we don't speak his Name?

2. If we glorify God by developing Christ-like character through intensive disciplines, is it also possible to dishonor His name? To turn people away from Jesus? How does that happen?
3. In what ways does your life dishonor the name of Jesus?
4. What could we do personally or as a Life Group that would bring honor to the name of Jesus in the weeks ahead? That would attract people to Him in our neighborhood, workplaces or schools?

Meditate on **II Corinthians 3:18** and pray it for each other corporately

**WITNESS:** (15 minutes)

**This section is a vision-casting time designed to get the group strategizing and making concrete plans towards reaching outward to a lost world. Relational outreach always has the goal of ultimately enfolding those we reach into the Life Group.**