



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The Glory of Christmas

LG Questions for 12/12/10

Getting Started

1. **Defining Glory.** Based on the dictionary's definition of glory, what is the most glorious thing you've ever seen with your eyes? Thinking back on his life, what does John say is the most glorious thing He ever witnessed? Explain. See John 1:14.

Getting Into the Bible

2. **Veiled Glory.** During His ministry, there was a mixed reaction to Jesus. Why did many fail to recognize His glory? See Matthew 13:54-58 and Philippians 2:7-9. Even though His glory was veiled, how did it leak out at times and affect those who saw it? See Matthew 2:1-2 and Luke 9:28-35. Have you ever reacted like Peter? Why or why not? See Luke 5:3-9.
3. **Transforming Glory.** According to Romans 8:28-30, what is God's purpose for saving us? Read 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 and describe the process God uses to change us into the likeness of Christ. What have you found to be the best ways of beholding the glory of Christ?
4. **Shared Glory.** The best motivation for enduring hardship is remembering that better days lie ahead. How does Paul use this fact to encourage us in Romans 8:18-21? According to 1 John 3:1-3, what kind of glory can we expect to enjoy one day? When will this take place and how should we live in light of it? See 1 John 2:28-29 for added help.

Getting Personal and Practical

5. **Developing Glory.** One day glory will be as natural to us as temptation is today. How does Paul describe the battle we currently face learning to be like Christ? See Galatians 5:16-23. What is the biggest challenge you're facing and what are you doing to win the battle?