

Discussion guide for 8.27.23

This is Our Story: Glory -- Exodus 40:34-38

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Opening questions: What part of the Exodus story do you find most meaningful? What questions about this book would you like to ask an Old Testament scholar if you had one in the room (perhaps you do)?

Discuss: Today's passage concludes this book. Why is it a fitting conclusion? How does it complete the earlier parts of the book?

Scriptures to ponder: Below are a few Bible verses that talk about glory. There are MANY more if you have interest. (Here is one link to verses but I am sure you can find others.

<https://www.biblelyfe.com/blog/bible-verses-about-gods-glory>) Take time to read each of the verses below and share what they teach you about glory.

***Psalm 115:1** Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!*

Proverbs 25:2 It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out.

Habakkuk 2:14 For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Revelation 4:11 Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

Discuss: Carmen talked about sometimes seeing God's glory in nature, as well as in other believers. Share a time when you have seen God's glory.

For Further Thought: How do we find a balance between viewing and experiencing God with awe and majesty vs. viewing God as approachable and relational? Have we allowed the pendulum to swing too far that we no longer talk much about God's holiness or glory?

Prayer: Take some time to calm yourself and say this breath prayer as a group. One person should lead saying the words while the others breathe in and out while the leader speaks.

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God. (Breathe in)

And all the earth cries Holy. (Breathe out)

Repeat three times.