WEEK 9 — Show Me Your Glory

March 7 • John 14:8–9; 2 Corinthians 3:18

MAIN POINT

The deepest reward of walking with God is God Himself.

Aim: Conclude with the truth that knowing Christ is greater than outcomes, answered questions, and successful ministry.

Primary NT: John 14:8–9; 2 Corinthians 3:18

Supporting NT: John 1:14,18; Philippians 3:7–11; Hebrews 3:1–6; Matthew 17:1–3

Key Doctrine: Christ reveals God and transforms His people

INTRODUCTION

As your group time begins, use these questions and illustrations to introduce the topic and surface lived experience.

If God gave you everything you requested but you did not know Him more deeply, would it be enough? God Himself is the destination.

Transition: Read the New Testament passage before turning to the Moses illustration.

UNDERSTANDING

Unpack the biblical text to discover what Scripture says and what it means. Read the assigned passage before offering interpretation.

ASK A VOLUNTEER TO READ JOHN 14:8–9; 2 CORINTHIANS 3:18.

- What does Philip request?
- How does Jesus answer?
- Where is God's glory revealed?
- What happens as believers behold the Lord?
- Who accomplishes transformation?

Movement 1 — God's glory has a face

Connect: John 14:8–9; John 1:14,18

God makes Himself known in Christ—His compassion, holiness, truth, sacrifice, and resurrection.

Apply: Look intentionally to Christ's character.

Leader explanation: In John 14:8–9, Philip requests to see the Father. Jesus responds that to see Him is to see the Father: He perfectly reveals God. John 1:14,18 likewise centers divine glory and revelation in the incarnate Son.

Moses illustration: Moses asks to see God's glory; Christ surpasses Moses and reveals the Father (Ex 32:1-6, 33:7-23).

Movement 2 — Beholding leads to becoming

Connect: 2 Corinthians 3:18

The Spirit transforms us as Christ captures our attention and affections; God works in us as well as through us.

Apply: What has your attention this season?

Leader explanation: Second Corinthians 3:18 describes believers beholding the Lord's glory and being transformed by the Spirit. Transformation is not merely the result of focused willpower or greater religious productivity; it is the gracious work of God.

Movement 3 — Knowing Christ becomes treasure

Connect: Philippians 3:7–11; Hebrews 3:1–6

Paul revalues all achievements around knowing Christ. Moses was faithful as servant, but Jesus is Son.

Apply: Name one way you know Him more deeply now.

Leader explanation: Philippians 3:7–11 portrays Paul counting former advantages as loss in view of knowing Christ. Hebrews 3:1–6 distinguishes Moses' faithfulness as a servant from Christ's superiority as Son. The entire Moses-based series appropriately culminates in Jesus rather than in Moses.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How does Jesus answer Philip?
- How does transformation happen?
- Why does Paul count former gains as loss?
- Do you seek God primarily for His gifts?
- What competes for your affection?
- How has your picture of God changed?
- What unfinished obedience remains?

APPLICATION

Help your group identify how the Scripture directly shapes their week. Invite a concrete response without pressuring anyone to disclose private circumstances.

- Which practice will you continue?
- Where do you see God working now?
- How have you changed since Week 1?

PRAYER

Guided prayer: Father, thank You for inviting us into relationships with Jesus and each other. We want more than Your gifts; we want You. Transform us as we behold Christ.

BETWEEN-WEEK PRACTICE

READ Philippians 3:7–14 weekly for the next month; continue a daily Scripture rhythm.

DO / PRAY Invite brief testimonies: "One way I know God more now than nine weeks ago is…" Continue the Manna Plan.

MEMORY VERSE Philippians 3:10

COMMENTARY

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Teaching note: Avoid making this passage promise more than it says. Invite honest questions, attend to the context, and return the discussion to Jesus and the authority of Scripture.