

Key References:

John 16:13-15 (NLT)

13 "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. 14 He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me. 15 All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, 'The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me."

Psalm 62:7 (TPT)

⁷God's glory is all around me! His wrap-around presence is all I need, for the Lord is my Savior, my hero, and my life-giving strength.

Isaiah 6:3 (NLT)

³ They were calling out to each other, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Heaven's Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!"

Romans 8:14-18 (NLT)

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children. of God. 15 So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." 16 For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.
17 And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.
18 Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later.

John 17:22-24 (NLT)

²² "I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. ²³ I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. ²⁴ Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began!

Reflecting back on the past weekend's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1 - WHEN THE SPIRIT COMES

Read Jesus' words to his followers in John 16:13-15. What does this passage tell us about the Holy Spirit, who He is and what He does? Which of the items is the most interesting to you? Is there anything about the Holy Spirit that you wrestle with?

2 - WHAT IS GOD'S GLORY?

Read Psalm 62:7 and Isaiah 6:3. Communicating what God's glory is can be hard to express. One writer has attempted to define the glory of God by saying that, "the glory of God is the manifestation of the infinite beauty and greatness of God's character, worth, and perfection". How would you describe the glory of God? Do you have an experience, illustration, or example that you could share to help express it?

3 - DESIGNED FOR HIS GLORY

Felicity shared that, "Christians are designed for His glory. It is what He has intended for our lives ... because His Spirit's presence dwells in us." Read Romans 8:14-18. Have you ever considered that your life, filled with the Spirit of God, is the way that people in our world will see the glory of God? Does this change the way you see your life and how you relate to other people?

4 - SPENDING TIME WITH THE LORD

In John 17:22-24 Jesus prays for His disciples saying, "I have given them the glory you gave me ..." and, "Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me ..." If spending time in the presence of Jesus is key to seeing God's glory, what changes can you make in your life this week to create space for it?