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For Small Groups & Personal Study

Triangle Community Church
Student Ministry

Daily Exposure to
God's Word



Monday

[Luke 1:26-28](#)

How do you think Mary felt when the Angel appeared to her and told her that she had found favor with God?

Tuesday

[Matthew 1:18-25](#)

How would you feel knowing that God had chosen your future wife to give birth to the Son of God?

Wednesday

[Luke 2:1-20](#)

Imagine if you were one of the shepherds. Spend time today praising God for His son Jesus.

Thursday

[Matthew 2:1-12](#)

Have you ever had someone want you to do something that you knew was wrong? What did you do? Would you have done what the Magi did?

Friday

[Luke 2:22-40](#)

Pray for God to give you wisdom and for His grace to be on you as you seek God during this Christmas Season.

Dec. 18th

“...To Bring God Glory”



Sundays: 9:30MS & 11:15 HS

He Came... to Bring God Glory!

Jesus Glorified the Father

Glory is something that may be given to another. Jesus said to the Father in prayer, “I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.” (Jn 17:4). This prayer was about glorifying God. How do we glorify God? Put differently, how do we give God glory? In this statement, Jesus teaches us that the way He brought glory to the Father was by completing the work the Father gave Him to do.

Just as Jesus did, we too bring glory to the Father on earth by completing the good works He has given each of us to do. Jesus said, “You are the light of the world...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven” (Mt. 5:14,16). When

people see our good deeds and praise God in heaven, it glorifies Him. God is glorified by our obedience to Him.

Scripture Memory for HE CAME...To Bring us Life.
John 10:10, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

HE CAME...To Save the Lost!

Luke 19:10, “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”

HE CAME...To bring God glory!

Luke 2:14, “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.”

Group Questions

Connect

Think of a time when something happened to you and you acted “out of character.” What caused you to act this way? What was “out of Character” about your behavior?

Read & Discuss the definition of Character.

What are the qualities that distinguish someone who has Godly Character?

Dig

What does it mean to Bring God Glory? * Read the section above to the right and discuss the 2 ways that we can bring God glory.

Why is it so hard when times are hard to bring God glory? * Read “Give God Glory” and discuss what the good Works God has for us to do.

How did Jesus Bring God Glory by coming to Earth as a baby?

Why was it so important for Jesus to come as a baby instead of already as a man? (Philippians 2:5-10)

Transform

Read, Reflect & Discuss How you can live this out!

John said, “What we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when He appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself” (1 Jn 3:2,3). We who believe in Jesus have this hope in us of seeing Jesus as He is, and being made like Him. As John said, we purify ourselves in preparation for it. Until then, we continue to reflect his glory in an ever increasing way as we do the good works He created us to do.

HE CAME...To Bring God Glory!

What does it mean to Bring God Glory?

1. To Bring God Glory is to complete the work He has for us to do.
2. To Bring God Glory is to reflect the character and essence of God in whatever life may bring our way.

Give God Glory

As the Scripture reveals to us, glory is something visible. As Dr. Rodman Williams states, “The divine glory is the radiant splendor and awesome majesty of God Himself. Glory is not so much a particular attribute but the effulgence of splendor and majesty that shines through in every aspect of God’s being and action.”

We give glory to God by completing the good works He has given each of us to do. This includes spending time in the Lord’s presence and speaking with the Him. When God gives glory to man it affects his appearance, making his face positively radiant. When we walk in the light, that light is reflected and seen in our being. Those who walk in darkness cannot experience this divine glory. In fact, they cannot experience glory at all, except in some temporal, worldly sense, such as that associated with fame, fortune, power, and physical beauty.

But the path of the righteous is like the dawn, shining ever brighter until the full day. As our character is gradually

Definitions Character

According to Webster’s Dictionary, character is “the combination of emotional, intellectual, and moral qualities that distinguish one person or group from another.” While there can be no glory without a godly character, the glory of God is not the character of God. It is rather the effulgence of light that comes from His presence.

transformed to become more like Christ’s, there is a gradual increase in his divine glory upon us. Glory follows godly character, but is not itself that character.

In the kingdom of God, Jesus rules and reigns supreme. Because of that, His glory is evident in His kingdom. When the disciples saw His kingdom, they saw His glory, and it was brighter than the sun. While the glory of God is something that we can experience now, there is a future consummation of glory in the world to come for those who know Christ. The deepest longing of mankind is to see God Himself, and that will be fulfilled when we see his face.

“Jesus brought God Glory by completing the Work that the Father had for Him to do!”