

Scripture and Background Information for June 24-30

Group members should use these scriptures to complete the **GOD'S WORDS** and **MY WORDS** columns in our new Discussion Guide. This assignment should take less than 30 minutes.

Before Sunday, July 1, we would like each group member to personally study **2 Corinthians 3:12-18** and to discuss it as a group.

Background Information

As we continue our series The Ology of Doxology, we are looking at 2 Corinthians 3:12-18. We are examining how God's glory is interwoven throughout the story of Scripture and the way He seeks to invite all of his people into this story. Reflecting the glory of God to every corner of the globe is a God-given calling that is fundamental to our faith.

2 Corinthians is written by Paul to the church at Corinth due to their constant questioning of his authority or role in their church. He reminds them of his love and constant service for them. Chapter 3 begins there and then shifts into a comparison between the ministry of the Old Covenant and its laws (*10 Commandments and all Old Testament laws*) with the ministry of the New Covenant that had been brought by Christ. Paul does so to enable his readers to understand and appreciate the glory of God's new work in them and its superiority over the old covenant.

In v.13 Paul references the story of Moses veiling his face from Exodus 34. As a result of Moses' being in the presence of God, his face shined from the exposure to God's glory. As he came down from the mountain and spoke with the people, he would veil his face so that they would not see the glow begin to fade away. Paul's point was clear, the glory of Moses would constantly fade because it was inferior. The glory of Christ remains constant as the Spirit remains in us and the Spirit's work causes God's glory to radiate from us.

You are invited to join *The Summer of 10,000 Blessings!*

Our calling as Christ-followers is *to display and declare who God is and what He's like everywhere we go*. Join with us this summer in being intentional to find at least one way each week to BLESS someone who does not know Christ! Imagine the cumulative impact we can make in our city if we make this commitment together!

Sign up by texting "Bless" to 33222. We'll send you a weekly reminder and encouragement.

Here are the Scriptures for your group to discuss during the weeks of...

June 24-30

2 Corinthians 3:12-18

July 1-7

Acts 19:8-10