



HOLY MOMENTUM VI – The Glory of God

Life-Link Study #10

INTRODUCTION

Read: Exodus 33:7-19

In our previous study on Holy Momentum, we were reminded of God's presence in our lives: that He is *always* with us. In this study, we are focusing on the glory of God, which is "God's weight behind you," *giving* you Holy Momentum and many other benefits.

KEY POINTS

1. GOD'S GLORY IS SEEN IN HIS DAILY GRACE & GOODNESS

In Ex 33:17-19, God's glory is sandwiched between His Grace ("Favour" in some Bible translations) and His Goodness. Moses appears to be concerned with seeing God's glory whilst God is concerned with assuring Moses that His grace and goodness are available to him. Sometimes we can, like Moses, be looking for the proof of God's greatness and glory in spectacular or seemingly significant things.

Q: In what ways – in your daily life now – can you see that God's grace and his goodness are with you, perhaps in the seemingly "little things" which are actually testimony to His greatness?

Leaders Tip: Encourage your group to go on a Treasure Hunt for all the good things God has done for us and given to us: relationship with Himself, freedom in Christ, eternal life in Him, daily provision, friendship, His Word.

Q: What about during difficult times, when you do not sense that His goodness and grace are working in your favour? E.g. time of sickness, unemployment...

Leaders Tip: Encourage your group to "forget not all His benefits" (Ps 103:2). Remember that, for instance, his strength and comfort are available to us in these times. Encourage a discussion and/ or testimonies around 2 Corinthians 12:9, "My grace is sufficient for you; my strength is made perfect in weakness."

Read Psalm 84:10-12 & Isaiah 60:1-13

2. GOD'S GLORY MEANS, "HE'S GOT YOUR BACK"!

Read: Isaiah 58:8

Q: What does the fact that "the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard" mean in terms of:-

- His plans for you?
- The desires of your heart?
- Attacks of the enemy?
- Opposition and negativity from others?

Q: How can you keep this sort of perspective – remembering that His weight is behind you - when opposition or your own fears or negativity can seem to be so strong?

Leaders Tip: take this opportunity to remind your Life-Link unit to encourage one another, pray for one another as well as keep reading the Word and invite God in to their situations.

3. THE GLORY OF GOD LIFTS OUR HEADS

Sometimes we find ourselves at a low point: disappointed, tired of the enemy's attacks or the negativity of others. The glory of God is available to us in these times also.

Read: Ps 3 (note verse 3) and Ps 24 (note verse 8)

Q: Describe a time where God, in His goodness, lifted your head **or**

Q: Describe a time where you needed to remember to lift **your** head and see His glory fighting for you?

4. THE GLORY OF GOD... IS ABOUT HIS GLORY!

Read: Isaiah 42:5-10 (note verse 8)

When we allow God's glory to be the supernatural weight of God, backing our lives, embracing His grace and goodness, it displays His goodness and brings glory to God.

"WHERE WE ARE GOING IS NOT WHERE WE'VE BEEN BEFORE!"

PRAYER POINT –

As the last week of the fasting season, consider Mark 11:23 & 24; John 14:14.

Reflection & Prayer

In the light of the Study, spend some time praying for one another - for your plans, dreams and challenges – that God's goodness and grace would prevail and bring praise and glory to His name.