

## Glory War – 4/18/21

### OVERVIEW

We were created to glorify God, and we were made in His image. However, our own desires and ambitions often create what Woody calls a “glory war.” We cannot create glory on our own; we can only reflect God’s glory and character. How are you reflecting the light of Jesus to others? How are you laying down your own desires to allow Him to shine the brightest?

Scriptures: John 15:8, 17:1,4,6,10; Genesis 1:26; Romans 3:23; Hebrews 1:3; 2 Corinthians 3:18, 4:4,6, 9:13; Psalm 50:23, 66:1-2; Matthew 5:16; 1 Peter 4:10-11; 1 Corinthians 6:18-20, 10:31; Joshua 7:19

### APPLICATION

- ICEBREAKER: What is something in nature that brings you happiness and awe?
- Read Romans 3:23. It reminds us that we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God. How then do we get reformed into the image of God?
- Jesus was the perfect example. Hebrews 1:3a says, “The Son radiates God’s own glory and expresses that very character of God.” If we are made in the image of God, but we cannot create glory, we can only reflect it. How can we reflect His glorious image to others? If you have scriptures to back your answers, use them.
- Woody says that “all of us are in a glory war and we are always fighting in it.” For him, it’s the struggle of glorifying God with his gift of teaching and also his deep-down desire for approval and affirmation. Where are you in a “glory war”?
- How does your internal “glory war” affect how other people see Jesus?
- NEXT STEP: Woody shared many ways we can glorify God (worshiping/singing, thanksgiving, doing good works for others, using our spiritual gifts to serve, giving, etc.). What is one way you can practically bring glory to God and reflect His light this week?