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HOW TO USE THIS STUDY GUIDE

This study guide includes a chapter synopsis, a lesson objective, key passages, key points, and discussion questions from each chapter in *Show Me Your Glory*, as well as questions that focus on a relevant passage of Scripture from each chapter. Participants should first read each corresponding chapter of the book in order to make the best use of this guide.

Chapter Synopsis: This section summarizes the material in the chapter and provides a reminder of what the chapter covered. It serves to help readers remember what they've already read in the book.

Lesson Objective: This section explains the purpose of the chapter and the intended outcome of the study guide lesson.

Key Passages: This section quotes several passages from the chapter so that readers can remember some of the more significant things the author said. It can also serve as a starting point for discussion if the group leader would like to ask questions or provide thoughts related to excerpts from the book.

Key Points: This section outlines many of the basic ideas that the author mentioned in the chapter. It helps readers recall not just the big idea of the chapter but also its supporting ideas and their flow.

Scripture Reading: This section highlights one of the chapter's key points in God's Word. It helps readers identify the scriptural basis of important Christian doctrines and develops their ability to understand Scripture through questions about the reading. These questions are also ideal for group study.

Reflection Questions: This section provides readers with questions that could be asked of themselves or in a small-group setting. The questions are designed to help readers understand the chapter and apply that knowledge to their lives.

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Applying the Attribute: This section helps readers to consider what the attributes of God mean for their lives, asking them to apply them in concrete and practical ways.

Prayer: This section closes the study with an opportunity to come before the Lord in prayer based on what readers have learned.



Chapter One

MAJESTICALLY AWESOME

The Glory of God I

CHAPTER SYNOPSIS

Nothing in our lives is more important than knowing God and living for His glory. A deep knowledge of who God is will enliven and strengthen us to live for Him in faith and love. When Moses needed a deeper knowledge of God, he prayed, “Show me Your glory” (Ex. 33:18). God answered that prayer, and Moses caught a glimpse of His glory. God’s answer to Moses demonstrates that He is a glorious, self-revealing, autonomous, and awesome God.

LESSON OBJECTIVE

This chapter will argue for the supreme importance of knowing God in shaping the trajectories and ultimate destinies of our lives. Through an introduction of Moses’ encounter with God in Exodus 33, you will be urged to pray, like Moses, “Show me Your glory” (Ex. 33:18).

KEY PASSAGES

The greatest need of every individual is to know who God is. No matter who a person is—whether he is inside the church or outside of it, whether he is a true believer or a militant atheist—his most basic need is to know God if he is to know himself and understand the world around him. (pp. 3–4)

When Moses prayed for an increased knowledge of God’s glory, we must understand the meaning of this word glory. It translates a Hebrew word (kabod) that means “heavy” or “weight.” . . . As related to God, the word glory represents the infinite weightiness of who He is. (pp. 7–8)

Moses can only know God to the extent that God chooses to make Himself known. The greater must condescend to the lesser. Moses can make no demands on God. Moses can only appeal to God to reveal more of Himself. This self-revelation of God is entirely at His sovereign discretion. (p. 9)

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God is autonomous. He will do whatever He pleases. He alone possesses the right of self-government and has complete freedom in His actions. God is self-ruling and self-determining. He is independent of the will of His creatures, both sovereign and free in His actions. (p. 10)

How will you remain steadfast amid countless stresses? The answer lies in what Moses dared to request—a deeper knowledge of God. (p. 13)

KEY POINTS

Knowing God and Living for Him (pp. 3–6): A true knowledge of God is the most important type of knowledge that we could ever have. This knowledge will determine what our lives look like and where we will spend eternity. A true knowledge of God is marked by an exalted worship of Him and a life-pursuit of His glory.

God Is Glorious (pp. 7–8): Though Moses had caught glimpses of God’s glory through God’s initial revelation and mighty signs of the exodus, he still asked God, “Show me Your glory” (Ex. 33:18). This was a necessary prayer, for God’s glory refers to all that He is. It refers to the infinite weight of His being and character.

God Is Self-Revealing (pp. 8–9): Though Moses asked boldly, it was ultimately up to God to reveal Himself. Like Moses, we can know God only to the extent that He reveals Himself. But we should take heart because a prayer for God to reveal Himself is one that He delights to answer.

God Is Autonomous (pp. 10–11): Related to God’s self-revealing nature is God’s autonomy. God’s self-revelation is an expression of His autonomy, which is also seen in how God revealed Himself to Moses: “I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion” (Ex. 33:19).

God Is Awesome (pp. 11–13): The glory of God is too great for us to take in. Moses understood this reality of God’s awesomeness when God shielded him from beholding His “face” (Ex. 33:20). Scripture uses the language of seeing God’s face to communicate what it is to know and experience the fullness of who He is.

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 33:18–20 Then Moses said, “I pray You, show me Your glory!” And He said, “I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion.” But He said, “You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!”

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- Is Moses' request humble, bold, or both? Would you pray this way? Why or why not?
- In what ways is God immediately gracious to Moses in answering his request?
- What is the greatest manifestation of God's glory in history? After answering, read 2 Corinthians 4:6. What attribute of God from this chapter is most pronounced in this verse?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Is a greater knowledge of God enough? What should a greater knowledge of God produce in your life?
2. Should you be content with the knowledge of God that you already have? How does the experience of Moses inform your answer?
3. How should the knowledge that God is self-revealing determine the way that you learn about Him and live for Him?
4. How does God's autonomy relate to creation and redemption?
5. What pressures are you currently facing in your life? How might a greater knowledge of God help you meet those challenges?

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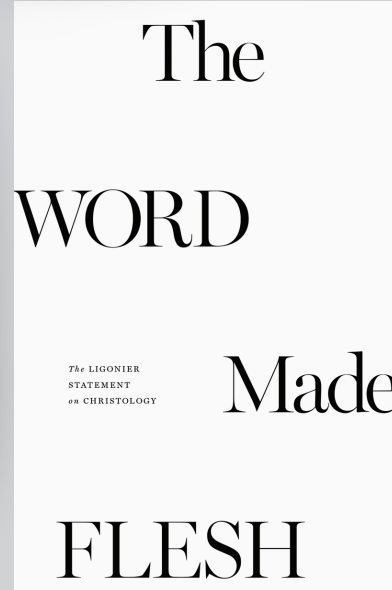
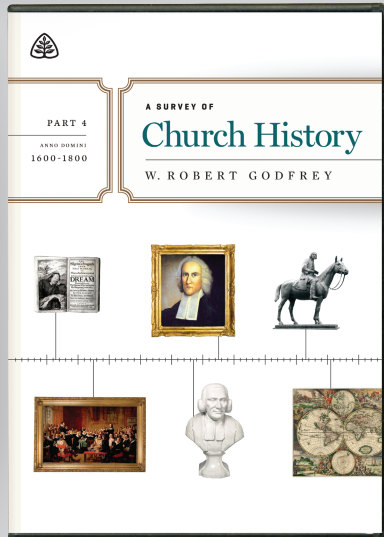
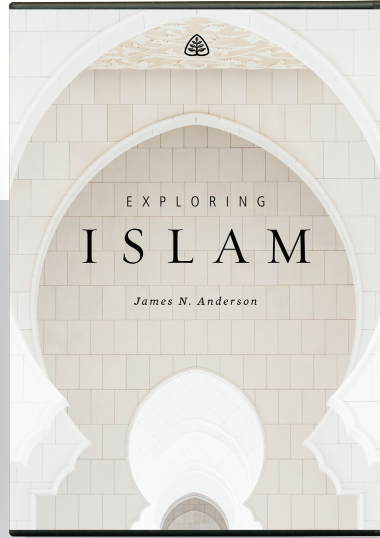
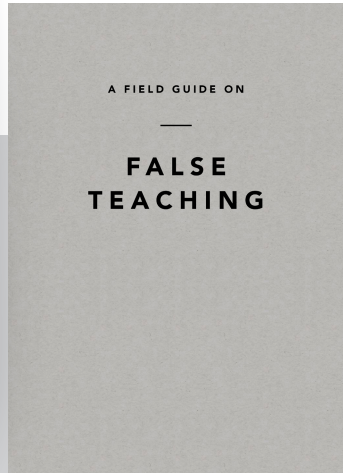
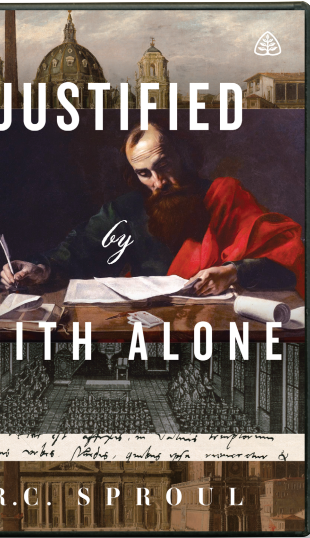
List how your knowledge of who God is currently shapes your life or how you hope it will shape your life:

- God is glorious:
- God is self-revealing:
- God is autonomous:
- God is awesome:

PRAYER

- Praise God that His glory surpasses all that you could ever imagine.
- Confess any areas where your knowledge of God isn't changing the way you think, feel, or act.
- Thank God for His gracious revelation of Himself in Scripture.
- Ask God to show you more of His glory through your study of His attributes.

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