

Session 2

Big Idea:

Seeing Jesus clearly changes everything.

GROUP OPENER

Are you experiencing daily encounters of God's grace?

If you do, what do you think helps you to have those encounters regularly?

GROUP DISCUSSION

- Read <u>Galatians 1:11-24</u>. Twice out loud, in different versions of the Bible everyone listens.
- What are some significant observations you have about this text? What stood out? What didn't you like? What was confusing?
- What does this passage teach us about God? How does it change how I see God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity/ourselves? How would it change how I treat others?
- What does this passage teach us about obedience?
 How should it affect the way I live?

ACTION STEPS

I will statement . . .

Based on what God is teaching in this passage, what should I do? Reflect for a minute or two and develop an action statement. Put it in the form, "I Will ________". Make it concrete, simple, and achievable. Share it with the group.

January 15 WEEKEND

As a Group

"Revelation is the free act of God by which He graciously condescends to display and reveal His character, nature, and will to mankind. God has revealed Himself by what we categorize as general and special revelation. General revelation is broad in scope, available to mankind as a whole...It displays God's glory but lacks the salvation message.....Special revelation is the appearance or manifestation of specific communication, especially involving God's redemptive will. The most compelling example is the coming of Jesus Christ to Earth to reveal the Father and to provide our redemption."

-Dr. Erwin Lutzer

Have one person read <u>Acts 9:1-25</u> to the group. How did seeing God clearly, change Paul?

These next questions as a group may be challenging but working through them together can help encourage and inspire. Try to be specific about your answers. Be vulnerable and willing to learn and perhaps adopt some of the practices.

Encourage others in the group where you see them doing well in each of these questions. We often have a hard time seeing answers to questions like these clearly. Call out how you see these in others as well as answering them personally. Make sure everyone is encouraged

Where in your life is the Holy Spirit currently at war with your flesh?

Where in your life are you denying yourself and following Jesus?

Where does your life testify more about the work of your hands over the work of Jesus?

On your Own

Take something that struck you today and pray for God to use it to help you grow.