

REFLECTIONS

GOD'S GLORY IS BOTH EPIC AND AMAZING! JOIN US IN OUR NEW SERIES REFLECTIONS, AS WE EXPERIENCE HOW GOD'S GLORY AND AWE ARE REPEATEDLY REVEALED THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE.

Fall Teaching Series Group Guide

Week 3 – September 25 “Glory In Covenant Relationship”

Bible Overview – The reflection of God’s glory traced in the covenant relationship beginning with the family of Abraham, showing God’s faithfulness despite repeated failures of humankind. God’s plan (covenant, promise) is to bless His rebellious world through Abraham’s family, eventually called the people of Israel.

Read Together- Genesis chapter 12:1-3 and chapter 15

- How is God’s blessing to Abraham’s family meant for a larger purpose? (12:1-3)
- Genesis chapter 15 is a pivotal chapter in all of Scripture, and begins with the words, “Do not be afraid”. What does this tell us about the presence of God?
- What purpose does God’s “covenant” serve for Abraham? For us? (vs. 5-6)
- Genesis 15: 9-20 are words from God to Abraham, symbolizing His covenant. What do these words tell us about God?
- When has God asked you to submit to his direction and do something you would have not chosen or imagined for your life? How did you respond?

A Practice for Growth: Abraham’s story reminds us that faith must involve more than hoping for the best in times of uncertainty. Faith often brings on uncertainty through acts or practices of submission to God. Faith often means taking a voluntary step from the known into the unknown in response to God’s leading. It can involve acts of great, even heartrending sacrifice. As Abraham’s life portrays, true faith in God means *a life lived with God* in active response to his guiding Holy Spirit.

Source: [The Renovare’ Spiritual Formation Bible](#)

In what ways has God asked you to make a sacrifice in faith? What happened? How can your continued trust and obedience to God be practiced this week?