

Introduction

? Describe a time in your life when prolonged, deep focus on one thing was required. How did you prepare for the prolonged focus? What sort of distractions do you remember threatening your concentration?

? What items or activities can help a person keep Jesus as a focus throughout the week? What is your experience with this? What differences can you tell in your attitude or perspective when you miss those prompts?

1. The Veiled Glory of Moses (2 Corinthians 3:12-14)

? What would you say is the overall impression the Bible gives readers about Moses? What passages come to mind when you answer? How does it make you feel to know, then, that the covenant for Christians today is infinitely greater than that of Moses?

Application: How should the Christian's relationship with Jesus serve as an abiding source of boldness and openness in gospel conversations? How would you explain the "hope for future glory" in Christ to someone? Why do you think it's important to have a clear idea of what that glory is?

2. Finally, Seeing Clearly (2 Corinthians 3:15-16)

? Consider the life of Paul. For his critics, what impact do you think it would have for Paul to be able to speak of the veil over the heart from his own experience?

❓ Application: Describe a time in which you engaged someone in a gospel conversation and it seemed they had a veil over their heart. How does Paul's explanation here help/encourage Christians to continue having gospel conversations, regardless of the responses of others?

3. The Image of Freedom (2 Corinthians 3:17-18)

❓ How is "freedom" often defined in our community? What similarities or differences do you notice between that and Paul's definition?

❓ Application: How does having the veil lifted, so to speak, help Christians in becoming like Christ? Who in your life models walking with Christ most consistently?

Conclusion

❓ Why is it important for the Christian to remember that the Holy Spirit of God is always with him or her? How might this affect daily living?

❓ In what area of your life do you perceive the Holy Spirit prompting you toward growth in Christ most right now? Who prays for you and with you as you pursue transformation? Describe a time when the prayers and encouragement of another were helpful to you in the transformation process.

❓ Who are you currently praying for to have the veil of spiritual blindness removed? How can you engage them in gospel conversations this week? Who have you given up on with whom you might need to rekindle a conversation?

Daily Readings

- Monday - 2 Corinthians 3:12-18
- Tuesday - Galatians 5:1
- Wednesday - John 8:31-36
- Thursday - Galatians 5:13
- Friday - Romans 8:1-4
- Saturday - 1 Peter 2:16