



## Called to 'Magnify' God

*"I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving." (KJV)*  
69:30

Psalm

*"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." (KJV)*  
Psalm 34:3

*"The heavens declare the glory of God, the skies proclaim the work of his hands."*  
Psalm 19:1-4

*"Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, who I created for my glory."*  
Isaiah 43:6-

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## Seeing the Glory of God (2 Cor. 3:18, 4:4-6)

## Don't Dilute the Gospel (v.2)

*"We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead."*

2 Cor. 1:8-9

## Fragile on Purpose (v.7-11)

## Knowing Why

*As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned", said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life."* **John 9:1-3**

## How God shows His love (John chapter 11)

*"Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So he stayed where he was two more days." (v.6)*

## The weight of Glory (2 Cor. 4:16-18)

After the service, ask someone...

What have you learnt from today?

What can I pray for you?



## Growth group questions

You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at:  
<http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

*Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.*

1. How do you feel about God wanting to show His glory through your life?

2. Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

Does it make sense to you that God would choose to reveal His power through people who are fragile?

3. Read John 9:1-3. Watch and discuss the following interview with Nick Vujicic: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJ10Ei2OhSU>

4. What attitude do you think we should have towards suffering in our own lives? Should it make us question God's love for us?

5. Read John 11:1-6 and verse 14 (or the whole story if you have time).

- What does Jesus waiting 2 days show us about His love for the disciples, Martha, Mary and Lazarus?

6. Read 2 Cor. 4: 16-18.

- In what sense is our suffering now, only 'light and momentary'?
- How might Martha, Mary or the man born blind have thought about it?
- What does Paul mean by fixing our eyes on the 'unseen'?
- How can we try to do that?

Pray for one another.