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UNDERSTANDING THE BIG WORDS OF THE BIBLE

BIG: Week One—"GLORY"

Connect: Who is the biggest person you've ever been around? What is the biggest thing you've ever encountered? What's the biggest movement or effort you've ever been a part of?

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1. **Read Exodus 33:1-23.** After the incident with the golden calf, this chapter tells us about Moses' intercession for the people with God. What details of the story illuminate God's relationship with the people and with Moses?
2. At one point Moses basically is saying, "What's your plan here, God?" We've all prayed that prayer, haven't we? What was going on at the moment and how would you have felt if you were Moses?
3. **Glory.** How have you heard that word used in church settings, in sports, in battle, etc? What kind of glory is Moses asking for in verse 18? How does God respond?
4. **Read Psalm 19:1-4.** How does the sky proclaim the glory of God? How does it help us understand God's nature and character better?
5. Scott said, "Created things always compete with our Creator for our time and attention." What is one example of this fact in your own life?
6. Why are we drawn to big people, big things, and big moments? What exactly is it that we are looking for?
7. What if the Rocky Mountains, the Pacific Ocean, the Milky Way, and the birth of your children are all just signposts pointing to the Glory of God? How do those kinds of moments, those kinds of places, and those kinds of things point us to God?
8. **Read John 1:14** and **Colossians 1:27.** One day we will see and feel His glory. When that day comes we *will* worship. It won't be optional. It will be the natural result of what we witness. How can you cultivate a worshipful heart like that now?

Pray: Worship God for how big He is, praise Him for everything He has created, and acknowledge how great He is. Make your group prayer a time to simply thank Him for how glorious He is!

Next: One way to grow your faith is by reminding yourself who God truly is. Take time as a group to write out as many attributes and qualities of God as you can.