

## Checking In

1. Take a few minutes to check in with everyone, see how they are doing, and open with prayer.

## Learning

### Knowing God

#### Key Doctrines

- *Glory* – The visual manifestation of God’s power, goodness, beauty, and holiness.
- *Holy Spirit* – God himself, who indwells the Christian, and gives him eyes of faith to behold the glory of God in Christ Jesus.

#### Key Observations

- *Read: Ephesians 2:4-9*
  - Which of the 5 Solas do you hear emphasized in this passage? Where is the idea of “to the glory of God alone” emphasized in the passage?  
*All of the Solas show up in this passage. We hear of Christ’s work being sufficient, his grace alone accomplishing what is needed and the call to faith in him. Paul’s emphasis on proper boasting at the end of the passage alludes to the notion of giving God glory alone.*

- Paul makes it clear that because God has accomplished salvation we cannot boast. We are to give God glory alone, but we will be tempted to glorify ourselves. What forms do you think this temptation takes in our lives?

*Invite people to reflect on ways we are prone to give ourselves glory rather than God. This can be both in regards to our own salvation and it can be in terms of how we live our Christian life.*

#### ➤ *Read: 2 Corinthians 3:18-4:6*

- What role does the Holy Spirit play in making God’s glory known to us?  
*It is the Spirit that gives us eyes to see Christ truly in his glory. The Holy Spirit does a transforming work to give us “faith.”*

- What Old Testament scene is Paul making reference to by talking about veils and faces? What does this tell us about the new thing God is doing in the new covenant?

*Josh Butler preached on the scene in Exodus 34 a few weeks ago that talked about Moses coming down the mountain and the people wanting him to veil his face because God’s glory was frightful and overwhelming. This is the scene Paul is alluding to here. The amazing truth of what God has done in the new covenant is he has by the power of the Spirit removed any need for a veil and given us eyes to see God’s glory in the face of Christ Jesus.*

- How does beholding the glory of God transform our own lives? What happens when we share in Christ's glory by the work of the Spirit?

*This passage makes clear that we are actually transformed by seeing God's glory in Christ. We are now shaped into the very image of Christ ourselves, continually being molded more and more into the people he has called us to be in Christ.*

➤ *Review and Reflect*

- Spend some time as a group sharing what has been most meaningful for you about the Solas series. Was there a specific sermon, a specific truth, a specific passage of Scripture that gripped your heart the most?

*Encourage your group to reflect on the whole series and share the insights that have been most impactful for them. How have they come to know the gospel more deeply?*

## **Listening**

### *Responding to God*

- In light of hearing this week's sermon, our study together, and listening to God's Word, how might God be inviting you to take a step of obedience?

## **Loving**

### *Obeying God*

- What is happening in my own life right now that I need to share and for which I need prayer?
- This week I am committed to praying for \_\_\_\_\_ about:

## **Checking Out**

- What was most meaningful about this group session for you (*Give each person 1-2 sentences to share*)?
- Close in Prayer and Read Psalm 115:1.