

# To God Be The Glory

Confirming the Mission of The Bridge  
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The tentative mission statement of The Bridge:

*Our mission is to **glorify God** by making disciples & multiplying healthy churches  
 that know Jesus Christ & make Him known.*

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What is the *glory of God*?

1. God's intrinsic \_\_\_\_\_ [Exodus 34:5-7a]
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ of God [Exodus 3:14 , 6:2-3; Psalm 18:2, 24:8, 10]
2. God's nature manifested \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_ Glory [Exodus 40:34-38]
3. Gods' \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ [Psalm 19:1; Romans 11:36; Rev 4:11]
  - b. Acts and \_\_\_\_\_ [Ex 14:18]

More familiar way that God declared that receiving glory is His greatest priority:

1. Attributes \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_;
2. Shekinah \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_;
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is proclaimed/honored 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_;
4. God's Works/Creation \_\_\_\_\_ [Ex 20:11] 4<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_;

**Summation of 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>:**  
 Jesus again restates  
 God's Greatest priority  
*Matthew 22:37-38*

\* Extra Reading: Exodus 33:7-23, 34:1-35 -- all 4 aspects of God's glory combined into one event.

What might happen if our church did not have God's glory as our primary mission?

**2 Case Studies:**

1. OT example: Shekinah glory leaves the \_\_\_\_\_ [Ezekiel 10:4, 18-19, 11:22-23]  
 \* *Partial list of reasons why:* [Ezekiel 16:14-15; 8:16; 9:9; 16:20-21; 22:6-29]

Question: According to God Himself, why would He remove His glory from His own temple?

Isaiah 42:8, 48:11

*I am the LORD (Yahweh), that is My name; I will not give My glory to another,  
 Nor My praise to graven images ...For My own sake, for My own sake, I will act;  
 For how can My name be profaned? And My glory I will not give to another.*

2. NT example: Threat of removal of \_\_\_\_\_ from church @ \_\_\_\_\_ [Rev 2:1-7]

**Challenge Question:** What future motivation does the angel give The Bridge to keep the the *glory* of the Trinity -- Father, Son and (seven) Spirit(s) -- our greatest priority? [Revelation 1:5-8]

1. **Jesus** is coming again in \_\_\_\_\_ (clouds) to judge: [Matt 16:27, 24:30, 25:31]
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ people who rejected their Messiah (7)
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ nations who will be *wail* in anguish, b/c they rebelled against the Creator (7)

# Discussion Questions

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Isaiah 42:8, 48:11

1. Can you name any Christian organization/denomination whose practical function and purpose today no longer matches their founding mission statement? Why do you think things changed?
2. Have you ever been a part of a church which began to lose its original focus to bring glory to God? What motivated the leadership/congregation to abandon the church's first love? [Revelation 1:1-7]
3. How can Moses' reflection/impact upon the people of Israel when receiving the Law be instructive for your individual life and the life of The Bridge? [Exodus 34:29-35]

What does the apostle Paul say we have as Christians which is of even greater glory than the law Moses received on Sinai? [2 Corinthians 3:7-4:6]

How should these truths impact your own walk with God and the mission of The Bridge?

4. Discuss the current "working version" of the mission statement of The Bridge in light of today's lesson on God's glory? Do the following components of the mission statement support the beginning?

*Our mission is to glorify God  
by making disciples & multiplying healthy churches  
that know Jesus Christ & make Him known.*

## Personal Study on Your own:

Moses' request to see God's Glory with his own eyes on Mt Sinai combines all four of the characteristics that comprise *God's glory* into one event. Can you identify them? [Ex 33:7-23; 34:1-35]

- a. Exodus 33:19, 34:6-8
- b. Exodus 33:9-10, 14, 18, 22; 34:5, 13-15, 17
- c. Exodus 33:19a; 34:5, 14, 23
- d. Exodus 34:10, 21, 24