

The Watchman #1  
**A Glimpse of God's Glory**

## Word

### Scripture Reference

Ezekiel 1:1-28

### Discussion Questions

1. Can you remember a time when you were left awestruck by something you saw? Share with the group.
2. In 597 B.C., the Babylonians attacked Judah (second Babylonian invasion of Judah) and carried Ezekiel away along with 10,000 other captives. Five years later, when Ezekiel was 30 years old, God called him to be a prophet. He never saw his homeland again. Ezekiel and the other exiles must have been very depressed because of their situation. If you had communication access to Ezekiel and the other exiles, how would you have encouraged them? Share how you encourage friends or loved ones who may be going through tough times.
3. God communicated to Ezekiel in visions, giving glimpses of His majestic glory that affected Ezekiel's whole life. Read Ezekiel 1:1-28. Discuss the vision that Ezekiel saw. What did he see and what was its significance?
4. Verse 4 describes Ezekiel's first glimpse of God's glory, described in four parts. Discuss the practical things that you can learn from this first glimpse.
  - a. *Part 1: Four Guardian Cherubim.* A glimpse of God's glory should remind us that we are on a mission (v. 5-14). Who are the Cherubim and what is their mission? God told Ezekiel to do strange things to show others God's glory. He was on a mission for God and persevered and focused on that mission. As God's children, what is the mission that God wanted you to do in relation to others? How are you fulfilling this mission that He entrusted to you? Why are faithfulness and perseverance important in accomplishing a task?
  - b. *Part 2: Four Wheels.* A glimpse of God's glory should remind us we are to be unified (v. 15-21). Describe how the four wheels were

united with each other. As His children, we should remember that we are on the same team when it comes to God's ministry. Therefore, our common goal should be for the glory of God. Discuss what causes disunity in the church. How does discord affect the work of the Lord? What could be avoided when the body of Christ, which is the church, is united in giving glory to God?

- c. *Part 3: The Expanse and the Throne.* A glimpse of God's glory should remind us we are to be humble (v. 22-28). What did Ezekiel see that caused him to fall face down in humble adoration? In time, every person of the world will fall before God, either in worshipful reverence and awe for His mercy or out of fear of His judgment. It will come naturally when we see the amazing and brilliant glory of God. How you live your life now will determine how you will respond to God's holiness. Why is being humble essential in our worship of the mighty God?

## Walk

God called Ezekiel to be the watchman of His people, standing in the gap to make an impact in the world. As God's children, we are to make an impact in the community we live in. Having glimpsed God's glory should remind us that we are on a mission, that we are to be unified, and that we are to be humble in order to influence others who do not know God yet. As you think about your life as a Christian, how could you fill the gap and impact your circle of influence? Would you be willing to be God's watchman of His people? In what way can you accomplish this?

## Worship & Prayer

Heavenly Father, You deserve to be worshipped and adored because You are the only true and living God. You show us glimpses of Your glory through your wonderful creations that leave us awestruck. We see it when a baby is born. We also see it when a person is born spiritually—how that person transforms into a new, beautiful creation. We see Your glory when You use a person like me to give glory to Your Name. How awesome You are! We give praise to You in Jesus' name. Amen.