

Meeting God In John

A COMPANION FOR LENT, HOLY WEEK,
EASTER AND BEYOND

DAVID FORD

spck

Questions for Discussion or Reflection Session 5 - Glory: Meeting God in John

Suggested by Revd Canon Amiel Osmaston

How can we even begin to imagine God's glory? How can we respond to the eternal, uncreated, awesome life of God in its infinite intensity and extensity of glory and love? Think of the Gloria in the Eucharist, or some of the Psalms, or great music, or the glory of creation, or the face of Jesus in icons of the transfiguration, or great poetry, or whatever or whoever inspires your wonder and admiration. What resonates for you? What has helped you to glimpse God's glory?

"The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one" (John 17:22). In what ways have you seen something of the glory that Jesus has passed on to the community of his followers? Do you have any examples or experiences? How is the glory related to our unity?

Jesus performed 'signs' and said to his disciples, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (20:21). David asks, "What signs of abundant life for all, within and beyond the Christian community, might his followers in the twenty-first century be sent to do?" Can you think of any examples or suggestions?

Towards the end of chapter 5, David draws out some of the 'resonances' between John 17 and the Lord's Prayer. Which of these resonances or connections do you think might help you to pray the Lord's Prayer with even more depth and insight?