

To better understand our primary passage of study in **2nd Corinthians 4**, it will be helpful for us to *first* read **Exodus 34:29-35** and **2nd Corinthians 3:7-18**.

Compare and contrast Moses and Paul. How was their ministry similar? How was it different?

What is the “*veil*” that Paul is referencing in the text? What happens once this veil is removed?

Read **2nd Corinthians 4:1-6** and discuss the following.

Can you think of some reasons Paul may have been tempted to lose heart during his ministry to the church in Corinth? Why does he instead remain steadfast?

What does it look like for one to “*tamper with God’s word*”? Along the same lines, describe “*peddlers of God’s word*” (**2 Cor. 2:17**). Share some examples.

Who are the “*veiled*” in this passage, and what contributes to them being in this state? List all of the factors given or inferred.

Think of a time when you were hardened toward the gospel. How did the Lord soften your heart? Who or what did He use? Explain.

Read **v.5** again. What are the implications of this verse in life and ministry? List as many as come to mind.

How is “*the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ*” different from what the Israelites observed in Moses? What were the limitations of the Law and Old Testament?

God reveals His glory through what He creates and keeps, as well as through how He acts and saves. How is God’s glory most clearly seen in Christ?

In what ways does this passage encourage missions, evangelism, and a life that is lived wholeheartedly for Christ? How are you specifically encouraged?

How is God glorified by our recognition of His glory? What is the appropriate response of encountering God’s glory? How can we regularly glorify Him?

What about this discussion has most comforted and/or convicted you personally?