



## The Glory Departed: Ezekiel 8-11

### Sermon Description

Our human tendency is to drift toward substitutes for God. Can you relate to this? However, God's guarantee is that He will not share His glory with another. And Jesus is the glory of God in person, so we should orient our life toward and around Him.

### Sermon Points:

God always keeps His promises — even the dreadful ones!

1. Human tendency: our hearts drift toward substitutes for God (Ezekiel 8)
  - a. Types of substitutes: Public, Secret, Spiritual, Natural
2. God's guarantee: "I will not share my glory with another" (Ezekiel 9-11)
  - a. Withdrawal from: Intimate, interactive, associative, protective

**Group Opener:** Some people always learn things the hard way. Share a life lesson you learned the hard way. Did this experience shape you for the better? How?

### Discussion Questions:

1. We have a human tendency to drift toward substitutes for God. Discuss a time when you fought to reorient your life toward God. Describe the process you went through.
2. God will not share His glory with another. Discuss your current experience of intimacy with God. What might God need to strip away to draw you closer?
3. Pray for one another to allow God to strip away anything that keeps Him from being God over you.

**Memory Verse:** For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ."

– 2 Corinthians 4:6

