

# Glory Sightings

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

What is a glory sighting? This is a great way to start a meeting or training or gathering of any kind. It sets the mood right for looking for the positive. Prayer requests can be at the end or done another way (through email, on the board, paper sent around). For the purposes of this event and most events related to the church, it is sharing where you have seen God at work in your church that week. When you look for those opportunities, you see them more and more. When you know you are going to bring a Glory Sighting to share, you will see a GS and think “I’m sharing that next time.” Your eyes are opened wider to all the wonderful positive occurrences that we see every day and might not otherwise take notice.

Take some time for the group to see where they have seen God at work. This works best by just asking where persons have seen God’s glory or God’s activity around them at the church that week. Ask for a volunteer to start and then just go around the table or circle so that everyone shares. If you are in a pinch for time, ask for 3 volunteers to share.

It is succinct, crisp, the fewer the words the better. It does not require a lot of background or explanation. Example: “At an event we had for the scouts, one scout led the opening prayer and it was so genuine and heartwarming, that was my glory sighting.

This is an opportunity to share a brief statement of how God is at work in the church and community. The practice of regularly sharing **Glory Sightings** becomes a time of encouragement as we are reminded that God is always at work. It is a reminder to stop, pay attention, and give thanks.

## **Going Beyond:**

You may eventually expand to “where have you seen God at work in your life, your surroundings, your work, and many more. This could be in a sunset, in their children, at work...anywhere. It is always a real encouragement to hear and be reminded that God is always at work if we will stop and pay attention.

- Another way to end your prayer time is by asking God to give you the eyes of Christ, the ears of Christ, and the courage of Christ to risk faithful acts and actions in this world.
- Where have I seen Christ at work in the last 24 hours and in what ways can I or the church partner with or support that work?
- In the last 24 hours where has God been at work and I missed it, walked right by, failed to hear God's voice, failed to turn aside?