



SESSION 10
Intercession
EXODUS 33:1-3,12-23

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CENTRAL TRUTH

Trusting God requires that we long for His presence and live for His glory.

Exodus 33:1-3

Begin by reading Exodus 33:1-3. Then answer the following questions based on what the Bible says.

.03 WHAT DID GOD PROMISE TO DO IN VERSES 1-2? DOES THIS SURPRISE YOU GIVEN ISRAEL'S RECENT ACTIONS? WHY OR WHY NOT?

.04 WHAT DID GOD SAY HE WOULD NOT DO (V. 3)? WHY NOT? HOW DOES SIN AFFECT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?

Exodus 33:12-16

Read verses 12-16 and consider these questions. Use a journal to record your answers if you don't have enough space here to do so.

.05 WHAT DID MOSES ASK GOD FOR IN VERSE 13? DIDN'T MOSES ALREADY KNOW THIS? WHAT CAN YOU LEARN FROM MOSES' REQUEST WITH REGARD TO YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?

.06 WHAT DID MOSES ASK GOD TO CONSIDER (V. 13)? WHAT DID MOSES WANT FROM GOD (VV. 15-16)?

Exodus 33:17-23

Read verses 17-23. Think through the following questions as you seek to better understand God's Word and live in accordance with it.

.07 WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SIMILARITIES IN THE WORDS OF VERSES 12 AND 17?

.08 WHAT TWO REASONS DID GOD GIVE FOR ALLOWING HIS PRESENCE TO GO WITH MOSES? WAS IT TO MOSES' OR TO GOD'S CREDIT THAT THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED?

.09 WHY DO YOU THINK MOSES ASKED TO SEE GOD'S GLORY? WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THIS PRAYER IN TERMS OF HOW WE PRAY AND WHAT WE PRAY FOR?

.10 WHAT DO VERSES 19-23 TELL US ABOUT GOD'S GREATNESS AND POWER? WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE HAND OF GOD, THE BACK OF GOD, AND THE FACE OF GOD IN THIS PASSAGE?



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Now What?

These questions are designed to help you apply the Scripture and what you've learned to your own context—your school, town, neighborhood, in your family, etc.

.11 IN WHAT WAYS DO WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE OR EXPERIENCE GOD'S GLORY WITHOUT SEEING HIS FACE?

.12 WHAT THINGS KEEP PEOPLE FROM REALLY GETTING TO KNOW GOD? WHAT IS KEEPING YOU FROM BEING AS CLOSE TO GOD AS POSSIBLE?

.13 IN WHAT WAYS WILL YOU SEEK TO GROW CLOSER TO GOD THIS WEEK?

.14 HOW MIGHT A DEEPER LONGING FOR GOD'S GLORY CHANGE YOUR ATTITUDE AND ACTIONS AT SCHOOL, AT HOME, AND IN YOUR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES?

Personal Challenge

Dwell. Reflect on Exodus 33 and read this passage in its entirety. Consider God's glory and how powerful and holy our God is. Sit quietly outside if possible and reflect on His creation and His presence in your own life.

Memorize. Exodus 33:14

Pray. Take some time to confess sin and to pray for a renewed passion for God's Word and His presence in your life. Be honest before God and tell Him where you are in your walk and where you are lacking trust in Him. Pray for a longing passion for His presence and ask God to help you to live for His glory, not just today, but for the rest of your life.

Keep on Digging

"No man can see God and live..."

- Read Genesis 3:8-10. Adam and Eve heard the sound of the Lord, but nothing is said about them seeing God.
- Read Exodus 24:9-11. In these verses Moses and the seventy elders saw God in some shape or form that is not clear. They did not see His face though, for if they did, they would die (Ex. 33:20).
- Go back and read Exodus 33:11 again. Moses was not forbidden from seeing God's actual face. This is a metaphor with "God's face" representing the fullness of His glory. No sinful person can see the fullness of His glory and live.