



Sermon Discussion Guide




Exodus: Face to Face

Exodus 33:1-23

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read Exodus 33:1-23. What stood out to you? What did you find interesting and/or important? What was challenging or caused you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 What did you take away from the video that Ray showed to start the sermon?
- 2 What was your one main/big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

FACE TO FACE: THE IMPORT

- 3 God said to Moses, "I will send my angel before you, but I myself will not go with you." How is this illustrative of the kind of God that many North Americans want?
- 4 In your own words, what is the difference between believing in God's existence versus "having his face"?

- 5 It took determination and resolve for the Israelites to set up the tabernacle and for Moses to meet with God daily. Do you meet with God daily? Brainstorm some ways to make this a reality in your life.

FACE TO FACE: THE IMPACT

- 6 *Idols are shed.* What is the relationship between our understanding of God's goodness and the power of idols in our lives? Can you recall a time when you shed an idol that was hurting your relationship with God?
- 7 *God's people shine.* When you've been face to face with God it shows. Have you seen God at work through someone else recently?

FACE TO FACE: THE IMPOSSIBILITY

- 8 Read and discuss God's description of himself in Exodus 34:6-7.
- 9 How was Moses' intercession for the Israelites a foreshadowing of the work of Christ for us?
- 10 There are only "stiff-necked people" in the world. So what distinguishes one stiff-necked person from another?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- ✠ How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?