



Sermon Discussion Questions

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Exodus 33:1-11

Trying to Live Without God

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1. What stood out to you most from this sermon? Was there a particular verse or idea that resonated with you or made you uncomfortable?
2. The pastor describes walking into Exodus 33 as "walking into a room right after a couple stops arguing." How does recognizing this tension help you understand what's happening between God and His people?
3. The sermon asks, "Do you want the blessings or the blesser?" How would you honestly answer this question about your own relationship with God? What does your prayer life reveal about what you're seeking?
4. Why did the people consider it "disastrous" that God would give them the promised land but not go with them? What does this teach us about what makes life truly good?
5. In what ways might we settle for God's gifts (health, family, success, comfort) without genuinely pursuing God Himself? What does this look like in practical, everyday terms?
6. The sermon explains that God provides for everyone—both righteous and unrighteous. How should understanding "common grace" affect how we view our blessings and those of unbelievers?
7. God says, "I will not go up among you, lest I consume you." How does this passage challenge popular views of God as merely loving and accepting? Why is God's holiness actually good news?
8. Even in judgment, God maintained His covenant promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. How does this demonstrate both God's faithfulness and His grace?
9. The sermon outlines five aspects of repentance—hearing truth, recognizing disaster, experiencing remorse, taking immediate action, and making permanent change. Which of these is hardest for you? Why?

10. The Israelites removed the very ornaments they had used to make the golden calf. What might this look like for us—removing the things that led us into sin? Can you share an example (without oversharing)?
11. The text says they kept the ornaments off "from Mount Horeb onward." How is genuine repentance different from simply feeling sorry when we're caught?
12. Moses met with God "face to face, as a man speaks to his friend." What does this picture of intimate fellowship with God stir in your heart? Do you long for this kind of relationship?
13. Joshua "would not depart from the tent." What drew him to stay in God's presence? Who in your life models this kind of hunger for God, and how does it affect you?
14. The pastor says we can't have what Moses had without Christ. How does Jesus make face-to-face fellowship with God possible for us? (See Hebrews 10:19-22; 1 Peter 3:18)

Personal Application

1. The sermon ends by asking, "Are you among the people stuck in the camp? Or have you come outside the camp where Christ is?" Where do you honestly find yourself right now?
2. Return to the sermon's opening question. After studying this passage, how has your answer changed? What do you actually want from God?
3. Based on this sermon, what is one specific way you will pursue genuine fellowship with God this week? How can this group pray for you and hold you accountable?