



Sermon Discussion Questions

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Exodus 33:12-23

The Goodness of God's Presence

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1. Have you ever felt like Moses—bewildered about what God is doing in your life? What was that season like for you?
2. The sermon states "God's ways are not our ways." How does accepting this truth change the way you approach uncertainty or suffering in your life?
3. Moses wanted objective clarity—a clear roadmap. Why is it so difficult for us to trust God's presence when we lack clear answers about the future?
4. What does it practically look like to believe that "God's presence is clarity enough" when you're facing a major decision or crisis?
5. How can we cultivate awareness of God's presence in ordinary moments—not just during crises?
6. Moses recognized that God's presence made Israel distinct from other nations (v. 16). In what specific ways should Christians today be visibly different from the culture around us?
7. How do you balance being "in the world" (having non-Christian friends) while remaining distinct and set apart for God?
8. Verse 17 shows God hearing and granting Moses' request. Share a time when you experienced God answering a specific prayer. How did that strengthen your faith?
9. The sermon challenged us to move beyond vague prayers. What is one specific thing you need to ask God for right now?
10. Moses' request to see God's glory (v. 18) was audacious. Do you have that same hunger to see more of God? What might be dulling your spiritual appetite?
11. God revealed His glory through His goodness, grace, and mercy (v. 19). Where have you seen God's glory reflected in these ways recently?

12. The sermon explains that God protected Moses from God's own holiness—and that Jesus ultimately solves this problem for us. How does understanding God's holiness deepen your appreciation for the cross?
13. Verse 19 speaks of God's sovereign choice in showing mercy and grace. How does the doctrine of God's sovereignty comfort you? Does it ever trouble you? Why?

Application

1. The sermon lists many areas where God's glory should be our ambition (sleep, work, relationships, scrolling, driving, etc.). Choose one area and share how you want to pursue God's glory there this week.
2. As you reflect on this passage, what is one way you can grow in being satisfied with God's presence rather than demanding clarity about your circumstances?
3. How does knowing that God hears, restores, and goes with His people give you hope for whatever you're facing right now?