



Sermon Discussion Questions

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Exodus 34:1-28

The God That Can Be Known

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Opening Questions

1. What stood out to you most from this sermon? Was there a particular phrase, image, or idea that resonated with you?
2. The pastor mentioned that "you can't move forward until you deal with *this*." What is the "this" in your life right now that you need to settle before moving forward?

God's Character & Self-Revelation

1. In Exodus 34:6-7, God reveals His character to Moses. Which of the seven attributes mentioned (merciful, gracious, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, faithful, forgiving) do you most need to be reminded of today? Why?
2. The pastor noted that God's *first* self-description is "merciful" rather than "powerful" or "just." How does this shape your understanding of who God is? How might your life look different if you truly believed God's primary posture toward you is compassion?
3. What does it mean that God is "slow to anger"? How have you experienced God's patience in your own life?

Second Chances & Grace

1. The sermon emphasizes that this isn't just a "do-over" or "mulligan"—it came at great cost and required repentance. How does understanding the cost of grace (ultimately the cross) change how we respond to God's second chances?
2. Have you experienced God giving you a fresh start after failure? What did repentance look like in that situation?
3. How do we balance celebrating God's mercy with taking sin seriously? (Consider verse 7b about God's justice)

Living in Light of Who God Is

1. The pastor said, "When you know God, you can be yourself and live your life." How does knowing God's character—His mercy, grace, and faithfulness—free you to be who He created you to be?
2. Moses had to prepare intentionally to meet with God (verses 1-4). What practices help you prepare your heart for worship? How might you be more intentional this week?
3. After encountering God's character, Moses worshiped (verse 8) and then interceded for the people (verse 9). How does worship prepare our hearts for prayer? What's the connection between these two?

Personal Application

1. The sermon mentions that "you never sin in a vacuum"—our sins affect others, even to future generations (verse 7). How does this truth motivate you toward holiness and away from thinking sin is "private"?
2. God's love is described as both "inexhaustible" and "available for thousands." Which aspect do you struggle to believe more—that His grace is endless, or that it's truly available *for you*?
3. The pastor said God "carries away all manner of disobedience and rebellion and lust and sin and hate, indiscretion." What trash in your life do you need to let God carry away this week?

Closing Reflection

1. For those who may not yet have a relationship with Christ: The sermon emphasizes that God is "slow to anger," patiently holding back judgment and giving chances to receive eternal life. What keeps you from responding to God's mercy and grace today?
2. How can this Community Group pray for you as you seek to live in light of God's character and grace?