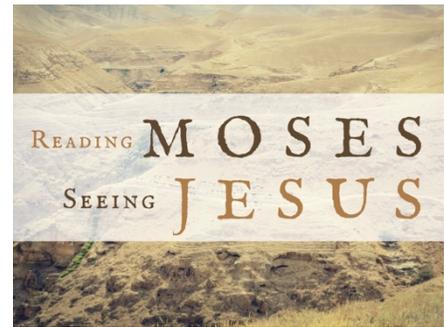




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LAB STUDY GUIDE FALL 2017

Date: 10/22/17

Text: Exodus 19, 34:28-35, Matthew 17

Teacher: Ben Post

Any other Text?: Psalm 34:3-5, 2 Cor. 3:12-18

1. **Read the Text Together** Read the Text for this week out loud with your group.

2. **Make Observations** What stands out? What phrases caught your attention?
Any repetition, contrasts, comparisons?

3. **Ask Questions** What is confusing or hard to understand? Any details that might be important?
Ask: who, what, where, when, why, how?

4. Background Information

Exodus 19:4-5 - God says, IF you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you'll be my treasured possession, Kingdom of Priests, and a Holy Nation. By keeping God's covenant, God's people would continue both to set themselves apart FROM, and also mediate the presence of God TO, the nations around them. These are the terms of the covenant God is making with his people. God's people are called to be set apart. To be different. Not blend in with everyone else.

Moses went up. He met with God, face to face, on the top of Mt. Sinai, for 40 days and 40 nights. Then he came down the mountain, totally transformed. Moses had a "convergence of appearance." The radiance and glory of God was reflected in the radiance of Moses' face when he returned with the tablets. The people recognized it as evidence that Moses simply had been with God. Moses spent quality time in the presence of God, and as a result, was able to reflect God's presence and glory to the people around him.

5. Application Questions

1. If you could meet anyone in the world, past or present, who would it be and why?
2. What does it mean to live "set apart"? Why is this difficult? What are some hard decisions you might need to make in your own life to be "set apart?"
3. Who do you spend so much time with that you might have a "convergence of appearance" with? Who are you starting to become like? Is that good or bad?
4. What does it mean to mediate the presence of God to other people? What might be required of you to do this?
5. What are some ways you personally connect with God? (Reading the Bible, journaling, worship, nature...) What could you do to spend more quality time with him so that you might have a "convergence of appearance" with God?

6. Have everyone answer....

What is something you learned about Jesus this week by studying the story of Moses?

