



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

Worship Theme: A Church that really knows Jesus
Sermon Theme: God gets personal
September 16-18, 2023

Exodus 34:5-9 Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. ⁶ And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷ maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation." ⁸ Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped. ⁹ "LORD," he said, "if I have found favor in your eyes, then let the LORD go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance."

1. Outside of church, family, and work things, what are you into? What hobbies do you have?
2. Related to the previous question, but building on it, what are you like as a person? How comfortable are you revealing your inner self to others?
3. Exodus 34 records God giving Moses the second set of stone tablets. Why is this an important detail to have in mind as God explains who he really is to Moses?
4. Many beyond excellent aspects of God's being are listed by him in Exodus 34:6-7. God had already revealed his power and complete

self-sufficiency to Moses and Israel. What things does he reveal about himself here?

5. Which aspect of God's being is of greatest comfort to you each day?
6. Hebrew literally says God has a long nose when describing his great patience. How does a long nose equal much patience?
7. The worship theme for this week is: A church that really knows Jesus. To really know Jesus, we need to remember that he's the incarnation of the God who spoke to Moses on Sinai. What things did Jesus do in the gospels which showed him to be God in the flesh?
8. As gracious and loving as Jesus is, he's not one to be thought lightly of. What does Jesus say about his role in judgment?
9. When Moses had been impressed by God's true nature, he worshiped. We know God too, so we worship. Our worship is not limited to times we gather at church for a service. Keep in mind Jesus' words in **Luke 6:46**, "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" and talk about what your worship looks like most days of the week.
10. Now knowing more fully who God is and having been overwhelmed with his goodness, Moses prays for God to remain with himself and the people and for them to be the very people of God. Why is being away from God's presence the worst? Why is being close to God, in his presence as his child, the very best?