

Goldstone Church
Small Group Questions
Exodus 33:18-23, 34:5-8

Talk About

- Describe the personality of the person sitting on your LEFT in 5 words or less.
- Share what you like doing the most in the summer.
- What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think about Exodus (the Bible book)?
- Explain why is a relationship with God so important to you.

Read About

- What does Moses ask God to show (v.18)?
- What FOUR things does God say He *will* do in v.19?
- What is Moses not allowed to see (v.20)? Why?
- Where would Moses be told to stand as God passed by (v.21)?
- With what would God cover Moses (v.22)?
- What was Moses allowed to see (v.23)?
- How did God come down to be with Moses (v.5)? What did God do *first* when He stood there?
- List the SEVEN characteristics that God uses to describe himself (v.5-7). Which do you find most comforting?

Think About

- One day we will all see God face to face (1 Cor 3:12). After looking at Moses' encounter with God, how do you feel about meeting God?
- How would you respond to someone saying: '*God behaves like a power-hungry dictator when He asks for obedience, and like a jealous friend when He asks for exclusive loyalty*'?
- Based on this passage, what would you say to the following:
 - "I am too bad to become a Christian. I could never measure up to God's standards."
 - "I don't need to become a Christian. I live a good life and help others whenever I can."
- You could end by reading / memorizing Exodus 34:5.

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¹⁸ Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

¹⁹ And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰ But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no-one may see me and live."

²¹ Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. ²² When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

⁵ 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 worshipped.