

Women's Bible Study

A TWO-YEAR JOURNEY THROUGH
THE STORY OF GOD

Week 10 | Glory of the Lord | Exodus 33-34

1. Read Exodus 33-34
2. Chapter 33 begins as God tells the people to move toward the promised land of Canaan. Although he says he'll send an angel to go before them, why are the people distressed in verse 4? Exodus 33:5
3. Before the tabernacle was built, Moses used a "tent of meeting" to meet with God. Describe what took place while he inquired of the Lord. Exodus 33:8-10
4. How does Exodus 33:11 describe the way the Lord spoke with Moses?

Consider how you might describe your prayer time with the Lord? --Remember there are no wrong answers =).

5. Moses and God have a very intimate conversation in Exodus 33:12-17. What big question does Moses ask in verse 18?

How does God answer in verse 19-23 of chapter 33?

6. Moses takes the two newly chiseled stones up to Mount Sinai where the Lord allows His Glory (his whole character and nature) to pass in front of Moses. How does the Lord describe himself? Exodus 34:6-7

Is there any part of this description that you needed to hear today?

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7. The Glory of God caused Moses to bow down and worship. Take a few minutes to focus on God's character. Read Exodus 34:6-7 several times and thank God for all his goodness. *(If the punishment part of God's character is troubling you, keep in mind God is 100% good and 100% just. Also remember the important qualifier from Exodus 20:5 which states he punishes "those who hate me.")*

8. God tells the Israelites to avoid making treaties with the people living in the land they are about to conquer because it will lead them to worship other gods. What "other gods" are we tempted to worship living in this land?

9. Describe what physically happened to Moses after being in the presence of the Lord. Exodus 34:29-30

What insight does this give us about being in the presence of God?

10. Skip to the end of Exodus and read 40:34-38. The tabernacle has now been built and the the Lord's presence (the glory of the Lord) filled it. How did the people know when and where to go?

Since we can't follow a cloud, how do you generally make decisions? Feelings? Popular opinion? Prayer? Wise counsel?

What can we learn from the Israelites' example?

11. Review your study questions from the whole semester. What lessons or truths has God been teaching you through the study of Exodus?

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12. Reflect and Connect to the NEW TESTAMENT: Read **2 Corinthians 3:12-18**

Paul refers to Moses' veil that kept the Israelites from seeing the radiance of his face fade away. Paul explains how we, who are in Christ, no longer need a veil and in fact we reflect the Lord's glory that does not fade but is ever increasing.

Take some time to reflect on the truth that in Christ, you are, "being transformed into [Christ's] likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from God."

Record your thoughts.

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