



Sermon Discussion Questions

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Exodus 34:29-35

Our Greatest Need is to Meet with God

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Opening / Reflection

1. The pastor shared a story about Al's Diner—how people could tell where he'd been just by the smell on his clothes. When was a time someone could tell you'd "been with God" just by your attitude, words, or actions? What was different about you?
2. Before digging into the passage, take a moment to sit with this question honestly: Is it obvious to the people around me that I've been with God? What might they say if asked?

Understanding the Text

1. Read Exodus 34:29-35 together. What is the significance of Moses not knowing his own face was shining? Why might this detail matter?
2. This event happens right after the golden calf incident, in which the people betrayed Moses and God. Why is it significant that Moses—the offended party—is the one who pursues reconciliation and calls the people back to him? How does this foreshadow Christ?
3. Why do you think the people were initially afraid to come near Moses? Have you ever experienced a kind of "holy discomfort" around someone who seemed deeply changed by God?

Meeting with God Changes You

1. The sermon points to 2 Corinthians 3:18—that we are transformed "from one degree of glory to another" by beholding Christ. What does it practically look like to "behold" Christ in your daily life? What competes for that gaze?
2. "You become what you behold." What are you currently beholding—what fills your eyes, mind, and imagination most? How might that be shaping you?

Meeting with God Is Obvious

1. Pastor Clint warned that we can "know the Bible and not know God," or "go to church and not be changed." How do we guard against letting faith become mere information rather than transformation?

2. Can you think of a time you forgave someone who deeply wronged you, showed peace in tragedy, or resisted a besetting temptation—and sensed that the only explanation was "I've been with the Lord"? Share if comfortable.

Meeting with God Is Humbling

1. The sermon claims, "There are no arrogant godly people." Do you agree? How does genuine time with God produce humility rather than pride?
2. Like Moses (unaware his face shone), Paul (calling himself "the worst" of sinners), and John the Baptist (deflecting attention from himself)—how do we hold together deep assurance of faith with genuine humility?

Meeting with God Gives You a Message, and the Call to Modulate**

1. Pastor Clint said we're called to "live the gospel, say the gospel, pray the gospel"—but also to modulate our intensity with wisdom and sensitivity to others' backgrounds and pace. How do you balance boldness in sharing Christ with gentleness and patience toward people who aren't ready to hear it?
2. Who is someone in your life you feel called to "pray the gospel" over as you pass by their life, even if the timing to speak isn't right yet?

Application

1. What is one concrete step you could take this week to spend unhurried time "beholding" Christ—whether through Scripture, prayer, worship, or quiet reflection?
2. If someone close to you were asked, "Has this person been with God lately?"—what evidence would they point to? Is there an area of your life you'd like the Holy Spirit to make more "obviously" transformed?
3. The people were initially afraid of Moses and ran from him (v. 30), even though he came bearing good news and reconciliation. Have you ever misunderstood someone's intentions or been afraid to draw near to God because of guilt or shame?
4. Moses—the one who had been wronged—is the one who pursues the people and calls them back (v. 31). What does this reveal about Moses as a picture, or foreshadowing, of Christ?