

June 25th, 2023

Profile

Exodus 34

Open with prayer

Read for insight into the scripture

What we believe about ourselves determines who we become. If we believe that we are worthless, we will treat ourselves with less value. If we believe we are God's gift to creation we will begin to act that way and we care less about what others needs are. We believe it is even more true that what we believe about God is the most important thing we think about. It was asked one time, "What do you think about when you think about God?" If we are supposed to be building our lives around God and we have misconceptions, or shallow ideals about who God is, we have to ask the question... What is it that we are even following?

We have to know God first before we can understand ourselves. When we live according to who God is and what God says about us...we can start to truly live like the person that God has called us to be.

Before reading the scripture, discuss this question:

What do you think about when you think about God?

Read Together

Exodus 34:1-8

- **What stands out to you most in this passage?**

Notice that God says, "which you broke" which basically is saying, "it didn't go super well the first time...so...lets try it again." Also Andrew pointed out that we have only seen God angry 3 times in the entirety of scripture so far...

- **What does this make you understand about the nature of God in regards to us?**

- **Look at vs 5. Where do we see the LORD? And what is He doing?**

Have you ever thought about God coming to be in your space to stand next to you to remind you just exactly who He is? This is what is happening here.

- **Read vs. 6-7. List the attributes of God out loud as a group.**

- **What does God say here to Moses that you, today, needed to hear?**

Vs 8-9 is Moses' response.

- **What do you notice first?**

- **What are some things that you believe about God that shape the way that you see yourself and others?**

God makes it clear that sin is serious and effects people. There will be repercussions and ramifications...BUT more than the effects of sin, we see God make sure that Moses knows his heart for THOUSANDS!

Notice Moses' response is to worship and ask the Lord to make himself be known in the middle of "US" because of our sin and our stubbornness. Moses says, "be among us and let us know you so that we may be your inheritance!" Moses is crying out on behalf of his people.

- **Would you pray together for the LORD to make himself known among you?**

Practice:

This week, if you don't already have the Bible App by YouVersion, download it and click "discover". Look up the "Character of God" by the Bible Project in "plans" and start the plan for a 6 day journey through the Character of God.

Anyone have any thoughts or questions?

Prayer Request and closing Prayer

Ask if anyone has any prayers they would like to add to our prayer team, report back to Sarah. sarah@thechapelatseaside.com

Quotes from Sermon:

A.W. Tozer-

"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."

A.W. Tozer-

"We wonder why we don't have faith; the answer is, faith is confidence in the character of God and if we don't know what kind of God God is, we can't have faith."

John Mark Comer-

"Often what we believe about God says more about us than it does about God. Our theology is like a mirror to the soul. It shows us what's deep inside."