



## Gospel Community Notes & Questions

**Title:** Show Me Your Glory

**Text:** Exodus 33-34

**Theme:** Seek the LORD as your true inheritance and you'll get everything else thrown in.

**Teaching Notes:** Having learned that God would no longer go in their midst to the Promised Land, Moses intercedes. He reminds God that their very identity as a people depends on their relationship with him. God graciously reveals his character to Moses and renews his covenant with Israel.

### Outline:

#### 1. Removal. (33:1-3)

- Because of Israel's idolatry, God would not continue to put the glory of his presence in their midst. The ultimate purpose of the exodus was canceled.

#### 2. Repentance. (33:4-6; 34:9)

- The people acknowledge that they're sinful and stubborn, and they grieve.

#### 3. Requests. (33:7-18)

- a. Show me your ways. (33:13)
- b. Remember your special relationship with these people and don't bring us up unless you intend to go with us. (33:13-16)
- c. Show me your glory. (33:18)

#### 4. Revelation. (34:1-7, 14)

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| a. <u>Merciful</u> .       | e. <u>Faithfulness</u> . |
| b. <u>Gracious</u> .       | f. <u>Forgiving</u> .    |
| c. Slow to <u>anger</u> .  | g. <u>Just</u> .         |
| d. Steadfast <u>love</u> . | h. <u>Jealous</u> .      |

#### 5. Renewal. (34:10-28)

- On the basis of his own character and promises, Yahweh forgives Israel and renews his covenant to be present with them.

### Gospel Applications:

1. Recognize how the Exodus story of God's restored presence points to Jesus.
2. Seek God for God, not for his gifts.



**Questions from Exodus 33-34 to explore individually and with your group:**

1. What's something you learned from this week's teaching on Exodus 33-34?
2. What are some ways you functionally treat God as if you're more interested in his gifts/blessings than you are in him?
3. What did Moses say was the only thing that made the Israelites distinct from all the other people groups? (See Exodus 33:13-16.) How does Moses leverage this uniqueness as an appeal to God's mercy and steadfast love?
4. Read Exodus 34:6-7 and 34:14. What is the most surprising character trait of God in this list? What else stands out to you? Discuss.
5. How does the entire history of the Old Testament pivot on Exodus 34:10?
6. Why do you think God so dramatically changed his mind between Exodus 33 and Exodus 34? How is this reversal relevant to your life?
7. Why were the Israelites commanded to tear down every altar to a false god when they entered the Promised Land? (See Exodus 34:11-16.) Where/how do you see the very thing God warned about happening to the Church today?
8. How does John 1:14 related to Exodus 33-34? If you, like Moses, wanted to behold God's glory, how (practically) would you do that right now?
9. C.S. Lewis concludes his masterpiece, *Mere Christianity*, by saying, "Look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in." What do you think he means by "everything else"? How is this relevant to Exodus 33-34? What are some specific ways you can look for Christ this week?
10. What one actionable thing will you do this week in response to this message?

**Prayer Prompts:**

1. Praise the Lord for bearing your sins on the Cross so he could be simultaneously just and merciful in forgiving you.
2. Confess where you use God as a means to an end, where you seek the gift over the Giver.
3. Since God is present with you by his grace, ask him to make you aware of and joyful in his presence.