

## **Sermon Questions**

### **Exodus 33-34:9**

This week we discussed the importance of God's Presence and what is required for us to experience Him. Instead of religious rituals and routines we must experience God's Presence to accomplish God's purpose. So often, we rely on leadership seminars, self-esteem boosts, and self-help guides rather than the very presence of God. The reason people are leaving the church in droves and many people say that Christianity is a myth is because the Presence of God is lacking in our lives and in our ministries. There is a major difference between seeking God's blessings and favor and seeking God Himself. May we be a people who seek the face of God rather than the hand of God. May Jesus Christ be high and lifted up and exalted in our lives! As you listen to this message, ask yourself what changes you may need to make for the Lord's Presence to be manifest in your life.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

### **Pleading for God's Presence**

#### **Exodus 33-34:9**

**Pleading for God's Presence requires a...**

**Willingness to change (33:1-6)**

**Commitment of time (33:7-11)**

**Devotion to the relationship (33:12-23)**

**Hunger for worship (34:1-9)**

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it [HERE](#). After watching, please use the following questions, if you find them helpful, in your personal study or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a CADRE now is a great time to get involved. Please email [info@bravechurch.online](mailto:info@bravechurch.online) and we help you take your next step.

### **Questions**

1. Why must there be a willingness to change in our relationship with Christ? What is a difference between a willingness and a desire? Why does remaining the same hinder our relationship? Why are we the ones that need to change and not God?
2. When it comes to our prayer times why do we tend to focus on God changing others and our circumstances? Why should "Lord, change me" be our prayer? What are specific ways and areas where you can apply that prayer to your life today?

3. If God is Sovereign, then what is the significance of the phrase, “Life is not happening TO you, it is happening FOR you”? How can viewing life through that lens make a difference in your life? How does this philosophy allow for growth in your life?
4. Why is a commitment of time essential to growth in Christ? How much time did it take in the areas you have become skilled? How are you doing in your commitment of time with the Lord? How can you grow in that commitment?
5. How can you establish a specific time, place, and routine for your time with the Lord? Why is pursuing and pleading for God’s presence more important than simply a religious ritual? How does your approach to wanting God’s presence change the results of doing a Bible study, praying, or going to church?
6. Why was Joshua prepared for the ministry God would use in his life? Why was lingering in God’s presence so important? Why should we pursue and plead for His Presence more than anything else we do?
7. Why is the devotion to your relationship with God so important? How did Moses prioritize his relationship with God? Read Psalm 62:8. Why is pouring out our heart to God so important? When was the last time you poured out your heart to God? How did He respond? Why was pouring out your heart a blessing? Why do you not pour out your heart to the Lord more on a regular basis?
8. Why did Moses want to know God’s ways? What’s the difference between knowing the truth of His ways and actually learning to live them out?
9. Why did Moses plead for God’s presence? Why did Moses NOT want to go to the promised land with God? What did God’s presence do for His people? Why are God’s people NOT distinct without His Presence?
10. Why did Moses want to see God’s glory if He had already seen so much of His goodness? Why can people not see the unveiled glory of God and live? Why is it significant that even the people in the Bible who saw God never saw the fullness of His glory? What does this tell you about our God? Why does God hide Moses in the rock (Christ) as He passes by?
11. Why do we need a hunger to worship? Why does Moses call on the Lord and then bow down? What does this tell you about Moses? What does Jesus promise to those who hunger for Him (Matthew 5:6)? How can you grow in your worship of the Lord Jesus Christ?
12. What was your greatest take-a-way from this week’s message? What do you need to apply in your life right now?