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## Group Guide

# Purity of Prayer

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**Main Passage: Exodus 34:1-30**

## Theological Theme

Spending time with the Lord is vital for believers. Just as Moses was changed by the presence of the Lord, we are transformed when we make authentic prayer our priority.

## Introduction

- ❓ How does it make you feel to know you can have a do-over if you mess up in some situations?
- ❓ How does it impact you to regularly remember God's grace in your life?

## 1. Encounter with the Lord (Exodus 34:1-6a)

Chapter 32 of Exodus records the destruction of the original Ten Commandments God gave the Israelites. When Moses descended from the mountaintop with the two stone tablets and saw the people's idol worship, he was so upset that he threw down the tablets and smashed them. Today, we are studying the circumstances around the creation of a second set of tablets and the life changing transformation Moses experienced through prayer and time with the Lord.

- ❓ How has Jesus served as our once and for all mediator with God? How has this changed our access to Him in daily life?
- ❓ What does the Bible tell us about God's presence with His people today? How is this better than the physical manifestation Moses experienced?
- ❓ Application: What are some ways we can actively seek to be in the presence of the Lord so that we might be changed?

## 2. Character of the Lord (Exodus 34:6b-9)

The Lord described His characteristics to Moses when the cloud descended. God wanted Moses to know Him. The same is true today. We have been given the revelation of the Word of God so that we can know Him and His character. The more we know about the Lord, the more we will want to know Him and the closer we will draw to Him. One takeaway from this passage is God is with and wants to be known by His people.

- ❓ Which self-description of God stands out most to you? How have you experienced these characteristics of God?
- ❓ How does God's ongoing presence in the Holy Spirit lead us to repentance when we need it?
- ❓ Application: How does the presence and character of the Lord motivate you to worship?

### 3. Transformed by the Lord (Exodus 34:27-30)

God instructed Moses to write His words on the tablets. It wasn't enough to merely hear them again, these words needed to be written down, remembered, and upheld. Each of these practices are helpful for recall: hearing words spoken, writing words down, seeing words written. We can continue to remember the Word of God each day by doing these things.

- ❓ What do you think is the connection in this passage between the amount of time Moses spent with God and the transformation he experienced? How is this also true in our lives?
- ❓ How does spending time in prayer with God change how others see you? How should it?
- ❓ Application: How might you seek extended time with the Lord so that you might become more like Him?

### Conclusion

- ❓ How is God calling you to set aside specific time for prayer so that you might grow in knowing and loving Him?
- ❓ How can we encourage one another and even come together to grow as people of prayer?
- ❓ Who do you need to pray for to come to the saving knowledge of Jesus? How can you pursue this person in love this week?