

Sermon: Transformed By Glory.
Series: Exodus.

Scripture: Exodus 34:29-35.
Date: October 22, 2023

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) What words would you use to describe your spiritual growth? What has made spiritual growth difficult for you?
- b) Read 2 Corinthians 3:6-18. Paul talks about a veil being over an unbeliever's heart when they hear the law of God. We said that the "veil" creates a failure to see our inability to obey God's law and our inability to see our need of a savior. Are you veiled? Unveiled? What do you think when you hear God's law? What is your relationship to it?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) God changed Moses and God changes us. Why is it so important to believe that all spiritual growth begins and ends with God?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) We only grow spiritually by beholding a greater glory – God's love. How have you been able to keep God's love in front of you recently? In what situations do you need to most remember God's love for you?
- b) The aim of spiritual growth is Christ-likeness or cross-likeness. Look at how Paul describes his life in 2 Cor. 4:10-12. In what ways did Paul have to "die" in order for others to live? What about you? In what ways might you need to die for others to live? Be specific.

APPLICATION

- a) In Exodus 34 Moses was transformed by being in God's presence beholding his glorious face. What does being in God's presence mean for us today? How do you practice the presence of God?
- b) Can you identify something in your life that you would like to see changed or transformed? A way of thinking or relating? A bad habit? A temptation that you falter in? How can you apply 2 Corinthians 3:18 to it? How might beholding the glory of God in Christ slowly bring about transformation.

PRAYER

- Praise God for his transforming love.
- Confess ways that you have sought to create your own identity.
- Thank Jesus for bringing us into his New Covenant.
- Ask God to help you to prioritize the things that produce holiness in your life.