

Sermon Study Guide - 3.7.2010

ACCESS – Week 3



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Week of March 7, 2010

Discussion

- If you could ask God for anything, what would it be and why would you ask for it?

Read Exodus 33:12-18.

Moses said to the LORD, “You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people,’ but You have not let me know whom you will send with me. **You have said, ‘I know You by name and you have found favor with Me.’ If You are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know You and continue to find favor with You.** Remember that this nation is Your people.”

The LORD replied, “**My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.**” Then Moses said to him, “If Your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that You are pleased with me and with Your people unless You go with us? What else will distinguish me and Your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”

And the LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.” Then Moses said, “Now show me Your glory.”

- In what ways was Moses being honest in his conversation with God?
- Do you have difficulty in being honest with God in your prayer life? If so, why do you think it is difficult?
- Have you ever argued with or challenged the Lord about something in your life. If so, what was the outcome? If not, why not?
- What was Moses desperately looking for in this encounter with the Lord? Have you ever felt similarly in a life situation? Share the experience with the group.

Part of David's prayer in Psalm 25 is similar to Moses' in asking God to **“Show me Your ways, O LORD, teach me Your paths; guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long.”**

- In what ways can you apply with these thoughts to your life circumstances today?

Paul stated in his message on Sunday that prayer gives us the opportunity to ask God for what He has already promised: His Presence. We spend time with God so we can:

- (1) **know His ways**, which leads us to
- (2) **know Him**, which leads us to
- (3) **experience the continual favor** of God.

- What are your thoughts about this cycle? How have you experienced it in your life?
 - Share one area of your life that you need God to invade. Then pray for one another.
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This Week's Resource for Devotions

- What do I learn about God?
- What do I learn about talking with Him?
- What do I learn about myself?

Day 1 – Pray without ceasing: Pray to the Father: Intimacy:	Psalm 5:1-3, 1 Thessalonians 5:17 Matthew 6:9-13 Luke 11:1-4, Matthew 6:14-15
Day 2 – Bearing Burdens Personal Invitation In His Presence	Galatians 6:1-5, Psalm 55:22 Matthew 11:28-30, Psalm 116:7 Psalm 100 Psalm 141:1-9
Day 3 –Your Life Pray and Meditate Others	Psalm 119:169-176, Hebrews 4:12 Joshua 1:1-9, James 4:8 Colossians 1:9-14
Day 4 – Season of Waiting Meeting with God Giving God Glory	Psalm 25:1-22, Matthew 7:7 Ephesians 3:14-21, Psalm 55:17 Psalm 24:1-10, Revelation 19:1
Day 5 – The Righteous Judge The Presence of God Immeasurable Riches	Luke 18:1-8, Matthew 7:8 Acts 17:22-31, Matthew 28:20 Colossians 2:1-10, Hebrews 1:1-3