



## **Exodus 33:7-23**

### **The Tent of Meeting**

7 Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the "tent of meeting." Anyone inquiring of the LORD would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp. 8 And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the entrances to their tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent. 9 As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the LORD spoke with Moses. 10 Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshiped, each at the entrance to his tent. 11 The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent.

### **Moses and the Glory of the LORD**

12 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.' 13 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."

14 The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

15 Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. 16 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?"

17 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."

18 Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

19 And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. 20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

21 Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. 22 When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. 23 Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

**LIFE Community Leader's Guide**  
**Sunday, March 11**

**Big Idea:** You can be moved by the prayer life of Moses because of four images we see in his life.

**Key Verse:**

*Exodus 33:11*

*The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend.*

**Opening Question:**

What do you look for in a friend?

**Study/Discussion Questions:**

Read through the passage together

Tom painted four powerful images for us of this encounter of Moses with God. He challenged us to approach God in the same way. Spend time in your meeting talking through those four images and how they relate to you. Finally spend some time in prayer together.

**First Image:**

**Pitch a Tent—Moses found a place to meet with God**

1. Moses pitched a tent of meeting. Where is your “tent of meeting” with God?
2. God is always ready to engage with those who seek Him. How are you seeking God?

**Second Image:**

**All Israel stood as Moses moved towards the tent—his intimacy affected the community**

1. How do you wrestle with the privacy of prayer encouraged by Jesus in Matthew 6:5-15 and this “public display” of Moses? (*As a leader the key is who is the focus of the prayer. Moses did it to meet with God, not to be seen. Jesus tries to orient people to meet with God who only wanted to be seen by others. They are not at odds with each other at all.*)
2. How can your intimacy with God overflow and affect the community where you move? (*Tom gave great suggestions in the message—parents praying for their kids who hear their prayers is one such example.*)

**Third Image:**

**The LORD spoke with Moses “face to face” - they were friends**

1. What does “face to face” mean?
2. What are you hiding from God in your life? What are you avoiding talking with Him about?

**Fourth Image:**

**Show me your glory—Moses looked for the LORD to be God and Friend**

1. How do you need God this week?

Spend time in worship and prayer as you seek God together as a group. Allow this time to be rich and meaningful through Scripture read, songs played, sung and/or listened to. Lay hands on each other if you need to. Feel the love of God and the community in which you gather as you pray together. Invite God to touch you in a real and tangible way. Remember, God will meet with those who seek Him.

*Exodus 40:34*

*“Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle”*