

First Love: The fight for our hearts against ourselves

SMALL GROUP NOTES

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Theme

Continuing our series 'First Love' we looked at the obstacle of ourselves on our endeavour to be wholehearted worshippers of God

Scriptures

Exodus 3

Outline

On Sunday we looked at Moses' amazing encounter with God and noted that as Christians we receive great revelation, are offered an amazing invitation and can be given an incredible commission but can miss it all because our focus is in the wrong place.

We looked at two responses when we come to worship:

1. Looking in
 - a. Focusing on PERSONAL INADEQUACY ('Who am I?' 3:11)
 - b. Focusing on PERSONAL INABILITY ('I am not' 4:10)
2. Looking up
 - a. Not asking 'Who am I?' but 'Who is He?'
 - b. Shifting our eyes from 'I am not' to 'I AM'

Questions for discussion

1. Does a focus on our past/current failures ever hinder us when we come to worship God?
2. Share your experience of how you shift your focus in day to day life from 'inward' to 'upward'?
3. What are the 'I am not's' that you struggle with in life / corporate worship?
4. How does knowing that God's name 'will be remembered throughout all generations' (3:15) help shift our focus from us to Him?
5. What does it mean and how does it help to ask, not 'Who am I' but 'whose am I?'

Tags

Worship, Devotion, Focus, I AM, Knowing