

A. SERMON SLIDES

Slide 1: Title

Hope in Presence

Exodus 33:12-16, 40:34-38

Slide 2:

Exodus 33:12-16 (ESV)

Moses said to the LORD, “See, you say to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” And he said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?”

Slide 3:

Exodus 40:34-38 (ESV)

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

Slide 4:

The Goal of the Book of Exodus is Presence

Slide 5:

Moses seems to want something that he has already experienced
What is going on?

Slide 6:

You say "You know me by name" (known) and "you have found favor in my sight" (loved)

Fully known and loved = connection (identity)

Slide 7:

Hebrews 10:19-22 (ESV)

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh...let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

B. GROUP DISCUSSION

1) Is it possible to be loved and not known? Known and not loved? Explain.

2) Gratitude and Guilt sit at the same table...to experience one is to experience them together. Is this true? Why?

Remember the terms...what does it mean to feel gratitude? Why would we?

How is shame and entitlement NOT like guilt, and impossible to encounter gratitude when we experience them?

3) How do people hide? How do people numb? What are your hiding/ numbing mechanisms?

4) It seems like, as with Adam and Eve, God wanted to take away shame, but couldn't take away the guilt. Why is it different for you and I?

5) Do you think it is possible to be fully known and loved now as a Christian (not sinless, but healed) ...or do we only get a foretaste and we will not experience fully that healing until we are in heaven?

6) Prayer and praise