

Title: Understanding God Through Moses

Main Scripture: Hebrews 8:8-12

To build a relationship with God we must understand:

• Our Sin (Rom 3:23, 6:23)

• God's Remedy (Ex 3:1-10, 19:1, 3-7, 20:1-17; Deut 30:10, 15-20; Rom 7:7, 3:20)

• Something Better (Matt 5:17-20, Heb 8:8-12)

How Do I Enter Into This New Covenant Relationship?

1. <u>Acknowledge</u> that Jesus Christ is the only way to God and that you need Him in your life.

John 14:6, "/[Jesus] am the way the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me."

2. Be <u>willing to turn</u> from the things that God would not approve of as outlined in the Bible, and instead, <u>decide</u> to live according to His Word; honour Jesus Christ by how you live your life. (Repentance)

1 John 1:9, *"If we confess our sins, He [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

3. <u>Believe</u> that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave and accept His payment on your behalf.

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

4. Through prayer, <u>invite</u> Jesus Christ to come into your life. Expect the Holy Spirit to live with you, live in you, and give you power to live His way.

This prayer enables you to live eternally with Christ in heaven:

Lord Jesus,

I know that I am a sinner and that I need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins and I trust in You alone for my salvation.

I choose to turn away from the things in my life of which You don't approve and now surrender my life to You. I invite You to come and reign and rule in my heart and life and open my spirit. Establish Your presence within me. I want to know the power of the Holy Spirit working in me and live forever with You in the Kingdom of God.

I choose to trust and follow You as my Lord and Saviour.

Amen

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Small Group Sermon Study

Opening Prayer:

Father God, thank You for the chance to meet and spend time with You and Your Word. Please guide us and give us all that we need for this time today and to grow deeper in our relationship with You. In Jesus' name, amen.

Icebreaker:

Are you a rule follower or a rule breaker? Share a funny story about a time that you were following or breaking the rules.

- 1. Pastor Al tells us that God is all-powerful, all-knowing, present everywhere, and He rules over the universe. Why do you think it's important to want to build a relationship with God?
- 2. How do you respond to the truth that this all-powerful God wants a relationship with you?
- 3. Why do you think people try to minimize their sin and try and bring God down to a human level?
- 4. Pastor Al says, "from the ten commandments to Jesus' sermon on the mount and everything in between, God is trying to get us to understand that sin is separating us from connecting deeply with Him. Our sin grieves and causes great sorrow in God's heart because, like a good parent, He loves us and wants our best." How does God deal with this barrier and why does He deal with this barrier?
- 5. Why do you think the Biblical law was important in the past?
- 6. Why do you think we need Jesus instead of the Biblical law today?
- 7. Spend some time sharing your testimony of coming to faith in Jesus Christ and why that is so important to you. Share about the importance of Jesus in your life today.
- 8. Heartland celebrates the resurrection of Jesus with baptism. Have you been baptized? Why or why not? Pray for each other to be encouraged in your love for God and His forgiveness and grace for each of you.

Closing Prayer and Reflection:

Take time to pray for people who do not yet know Jesus Christ. Pray that they would not trust in their own version of a good life but look to what God says the good life is. Who could you invite to Good Friday and Easter Weekend services at Heartland? Take some time to pray for those people now.