

When God Draws Near

Scripture: Exodus 34:1–28

Series: **Ransomed and Redeemed: Rescued by God's Grace**

Sunday, March 2, 2014



Overview

What if God has revealed himself in suburbia? What if God has revealed himself in all creation? God has spoken in His Word and in doing so he has drawn near. What will we do in response to God's Word?

Discussion Questions

1. Reread Exodus 32:1–28. Reflect on what happened. Discuss why Moses broke the first two tables of stone. In light of this, How is Moses not like the description of God? How are the people not like the description God gives of himself in Exodus 34:6–7? Discuss how different we are from God.
2. Why is it significant that God came down to Moses? What are some other examples of God reaching down to humanity and revealing Himself to them throughout the Bible? What is the greatest example of this?
3. God says in verse seven that he forgives our sins. Are there sins that are unforgivable? Can you out-sin the mercies of God? Why or why not? What Scriptures support your view?
4. There are three responses to God's revelation: **fight God, retreat from God, draw near to God**. Which response best describes you? Has this always been your response? What are the barriers to drawing near to God and how are they overcome?
5. What are some of God's promises? How do God's promises comfort us? What are some of God's precepts? How do God's precepts guide us?
6. Hebrews 4:14–5:5 ascribes to Christ the role of High Priest. Because of Him we can draw near to God. See James 4:8. How do we become close to God? What is the avenue that we do this? Discuss your story of conversion.
7. How do you continue to be close to God after conversion? Absolutely through communion with Christ. What are some ways to commune with Him? Pastor Joe listed 6 ways. What keeps us from these practices and how do we overcome these obstacles?