

# The Facilitator

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Community Groups @ Trinity Presbyterian Church

3/31/19

**Text: Exodus 33:1-4, 12-23**

**Title: Show Me Your Glory**

**Teacher: Tim Rice**

## **Surrender through Prayer:**

*Surrender through prayers for Illumination and Transformation, asking that Jesus would meet with you in this time.*

## **Engage with the Sermon**

*Read the passage together*

***In Exodus 33 we saw how God had come to a crossroads in His relationship with His people. In His words to Moses, He declares that He will fulfill His promises to bring Israel to a land “flowing with milk and honey”, but because of their great sin and stubbornness He would not go with them. God intentionally leaves this space in their relationship to see what Moses truly wanted. As Tim said, it is a great question that God poses for all of His people: deep in our hearts, do we truly want God, or do we simply want the things He can provide? It is only when Jesus is all we have that we realize that Jesus is truly all we need. No matter how wonderful the life may be, it is fleeting and pointless if we don’t have God’s presence. And God, in His mercy, offers sinful people like us the only way we can be in the presence of His perfect holiness without being destroyed. He covered Moses with His hand and with the rock, but we are now covered with Christ. Moses got to see God’s backside (because God’s face would destroy him.) But because of Jesus’ great sacrifice for us, we get to see God’s face and we get to know our Lord and Maker. And having and knowing the one true God changes everything.***

## **Reflection Questions:**

1. *Tim said God offers this momentary pause in His relationship with His people and asks, “will you go and receive all I’ve promised if it means I’m not with you?”*
  - ***When you’ve spent time thinking about heaven, what have you imagined?***
  - ***In what ways are you ready/not ready for what heaven will truly be like?***
2. *Moses declares that the only thing that sets Israel apart IS God’s presence, without Him, nothing else matters.*
  - ***What would it look like if God gave you Moses’ challenge? - “Take everything I’m offering you in a good life, but you won’t have me.”***
  - ***What is the “milk and honey” that most entices you to take God’s provision, rather than take God himself?***
3. *Because Jesus was covered with OUR sin, we can be cover by Him. Only when we find that Jesus is all we have, do we realize that Jesus is truly all we need.*
  - ***In what ways has God shown you that He is all you need?***
  - ***What “wants/needs” do you need to let go of for the sake of having Him?***

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## **WORSHIP AND PRAYER:**

### **A.C.T.S.**

*(Spend time in prayer and worship as you consider Adoring God the Father, Confessing your sin and weakness, giving thanks to Jesus, and asking Holy Spirit to transform you. Use this as a time to talk to God about what's been revealed in your heart from this sermon.)*

**1. ADORATION** *(The Father)*

***Adore and Worship God for His attributes and actions***

**2. CONFESSION** *(Me)*

***Spend time Confessing sin and ways in which you are finite and limited***

**3. THANKSGIVING** *(Jesus)*

***Give thanks to Jesus for his salvation (past, present, future)***

**4. SUPPLICATION** *(Holy Spirit)*

***Ask Holy Spirit to transform you in specific ways***

**5. Prepare for Gospel Community** *(My Neighbor)*

***Pray for those who are on your heart, that God would use you to impact them with His gospel message.***

### **Prayer Items**

- 1. Worship the LORD for His holiness and glory. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for His surpassing worth – immeasurably greater than any created person, experience or thing.*
- 2. How have you lived without seeking the LORD, being satisfied with “a great life” even if Jesus is nowhere in the picture? Confess your unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and to be your true Treasure.*
- 3. Give thanks to Jesus for how He has worked to cover us from being destroyed by the LORD’s holiness! Thank Him for bearing your sins in His own death, and for covering you with His holiness and love.*
- 4. Who do you know that is stiff-necked and proud (and it may be you)? Pray for them, asking the Lord to have mercy upon them and to soften their heart to see their need for Christ and to see His glory and grace.*
- 5. Ask the Holy Spirit to work in you a trust in and hunger for God’s glory – especially His glory in the Gospel. Read 2 Corinthians 4:5-7, 16-18 and pray that “the eternal weight” of God’s glory would anchor you!*