

Jesus is God Message Notes

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Heart Crew Homework

For the week of September 16/17, 2023

MY STORY

1. Have you ever received a piece of advice or a gift from someone, who thought they knew you, and you realized in that interaction that they did not know you very well at all? Write down what happened.

2. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Last week Pastor Dan reminded us that Jesus is King, and this week he emphasized that Jesus is *God*. In response to this truth, he challenged us to create two new habits: 1) to study the life of Jesus, 2) to experience His presence in worship.
 - a. Which of these two is easier for you and why?

 - b. Thinking about the one that is harder, list all the reasons why it is challenging for you.

2. Many people in Scripture pursued God in amazing ways, but the relationship that Moses had with God was quite unique. Let's read Exodus 33:7-11.

a. How does verse 11 describe the type of relationship Moses had with God?

b. How amazing that Scripture speaks about God's relationship with Moses as one friend speaking to another. Could your personal relationship with God be described this way? Why or why not?

3. Moses had a deep friendship with God, and Scripture seems to give us a hint as to why that relationship was so intimate. Continue reading in Exodus 33:12-23.

a. What are some of the desires and requests that Moses expresses to God in these verses? List as many as you can find.

b. Moses is clearly very concerned with knowing God deeply and experiencing His presence fully. How does God respond to Moses' requests?

c. God willingly grants Moses the desires of his heart to know God more by literally showing him as much of His glory as Moses could handle. Oftentimes, we do not feel close to God or seem to experience His presence because we are not dedicating the time required to build an intimate relationship with Him and we are not seeking Him wholeheartedly. What

would it look like for you to create intentional space and time to pursue the Lord as passionately as Moses did?

- d. Read Exodus 34:29. As a result of being with God, Moses' face *literally* shone, reflecting the glory he had witnessed. He didn't even know until someone pointed it out because it was simply the natural result of being with God. When we walk with Jesus (by studying His life and modeling our own after His in community with others) the natural result is that we become more like Him. Have you known anyone with a visible faith like this? What did their faith look like?

TAKING IT HOME

Read Luke 24:13-35. In verse 32, when they realized they were with Jesus, the disciples said, "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?" This story challenges us – do we know Jesus well enough to recognize Him in our midst in an encounter like this? The only way we can is by studying His life deeply and experiencing His presence frequently.

As we pursue Jesus, our Cornerstone, let's continue committing to Pastor Dan's Challenge by reading the four Gospels in 30 days.

Here are the chapters for this week:

Today – Matthew 22 - 24

Thursday – Mark 6-8

Monday Matthew 25 - 27

Friday – Mark 9-11

Tuesday – Matthew 28 – Mark 1-2

Saturday – Mark 12-14

Wednesday – Mark 3-5