

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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GOD HAS A NAME

BIBLE PASSAGES

Exodus 34 Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. ⁶ And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming:

"The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷ maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation."

Others: Genesis 1:1, Jonah 4:1-2; John 1:14; Matthew 9:36; Luke 7:13; Romans 5:8

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

1. If someone would ask you to describe God, how would you describe Him?
2. Our views of God's character are often defined by our circumstances rather than our circumstances being defined by God's character. In what ways have your circumstances affected your view of who God is?
3. In Exodus 34:6, God describes Himself first as "merciful and gracious." Why do you think God chose those characteristics first instead of His power or authority? What does that teach us about His heart?
4. How does our understanding of God's character (merciful and gracious) affect the way we interpret or experience things like suffering, waiting, failure, unanswered prayers, etc?
5. The final challenge of the sermon was to "Reflect His Mercy." Who in your life needs to experience compassion, forgiveness, or grace from you right now? What does it look like to move toward them in the same way that God moves toward us?

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS