



Key Scripture:

John 15:1–11 (ESV)

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

Exodus 33:7–11 (ESV)

⁷ Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp.

⁸ Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise up, and each would stand at his tent door, and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent. ⁹ When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the LORD would speak with Moses.

¹⁰ And when all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise up and worship, each at his tent door.

¹¹ Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.

Discussion Questions:

How does a “spiritual person” in our city, who is not a Christian, meet with who they think God is? What might they do?

Read Exodus 33:7-11. Under the New Covenant can we meet God face-to-face like Moses did or is it different?

How would your prayer time with Jesus look different if you prayed as though he was standing face-to-face with you?

Out of that Exodus passage Mike asked us on Sunday: “Where is your tent of meeting?” What is your answer?

What do you notice happening in your life when we neglect to meet with God in *that tent*?

Read John 15:1-11. Within this scripture can you define 4 positive things that happens to a believer when they abide in Jesus?

How would you explain “abiding in the vine” to a non-Christian?

We’ve all been given tasks to do, and Moses in Exodus had a very big one. Read on to Exodus 33:12-16. What did God deliver to Moses to help him with his task? How does this passage mirror what we have now with The Holy Spirit?

Then in Exodus 33:17-23 Moses asks to see God’s glory and He grants the request. In the same way, will God grant our sincere request to see His glory?

Why was it important for Moses to see this? Why did seeing God in this way give Moses the confidence for his impossible mission?

Out of this, what is the importance to us to dwell in God’s glory?

How will you cultivate seeing God’s glory and abiding in Christ this week?