WOODVALE
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Connect Group Sermon Aligned Notes

Sermon Title: Proximity Series: Moses – Part 1 of 3
Key Scripture: Exodus 33:12-23
Recorded Sermon: https://www.woodvale.ca/pastservices
Date + Speaker: November 5, 2023; Pastor Mark Scarr

Starter Question:
1. Do you know what your name means? (You can look it up if you don't know.) Does the meaning of your name reflect who you are?

Discussion Questions to Review (observation):
2. Read Exodus 33:12-23. What images, words or phrases stand out to you from this passage and why?
3. For background, read Exodus 32:7-10, 30-35; 33:1-3. How does this context affect the main passage for you?

Discussion Questions for Digging Deeper (interpretation and application):
4. Pastor Mark identified three prayers of Moses in the key scripture. Pastor Mark related the last line of verse 13 to the current war in Israel. Matthew 24:6-9 indicates that these things are to be expected in the end times. What is a faith-filled response to these events?
5. Pastor Mark pointed out that the war in Israel is rooted in a spiritual battle that ultimately includes anyone associated with Jesus. How do you go about putting on the armour of God for spiritual battle? (See Ephesians 6:10-18)
6. Moses asked to see God's glory in Exodus 33:18. What does God's response in verses 19-23 reveal about Moses' relationship with God? What would you like God to show you about Himself?
7. Pastor Mark referred to three ways God can be present: His general Omnipresence, His Personalized presence in our lives that begins at salvation, and His Manifest presence, which is a special experience of God. He said, "When God's presence is welcomed, His power is released." What would you expect to happen if you experienced God's Manifest presence? Do you have any past experiences to share with the group?
8. In verses 12 and 17, God says that he knows Moses by name, and in verse 19, God says he will proclaim his name in Moses' presence. This is a way of showing the intimacy and trust in their relationship. Pastor Mark challenged us to pray, "God, you know what I need, please do what you want." Do you find it easy or hard to pray this prayer of relinquishment?
9. Prayer point: Pastor Mark asked us to pray for him, that he would have a word from the Lord to share and that he would speak nothing less and nothing more.