

Hello My Name is God:

I AM Sovereign

Sermon #1, Exodus 34:6

Main Point: The Sovereign God of the universe wants you to know Him personally.

Getting to Know You

1. Who is the most famous person you have ever met? What was it like meeting this person?

Getting into the Book

(Leader: for context on this passage, read Exodus 32-34:9 ahead of time. Be sure to take note of Israel's rebellion against God, God's anger toward their sin, Moses' intercession on behalf of the people, and Moses' request to see God's glory for the purpose of knowing who He is)

As a group read Exodus 34:1-8

2. What does it say about God that He "proclaimed His name" to Moses?
3. Read Exodus 3:13-16. What is God's personal name and what does it mean?
4. What does it mean that God is sovereign?
5. What do these verses say about God's sovereignty:
 - a. Psalm 103:19
 - b. Daniel 4:34-35
 - c. Psalm 139:16
 - d. Genesis 50:20
6. What questions do you have about God's sovereignty, as it relates to what you see happening in the world today? How do you think the Bible answers your questions? (Leader: A few truths to keep in mind here: James 1:13 and 1 John 1:5 tell us that there is no evil in God. Genesis 3 reveals that evil and sin were introduced into God's perfect world through Satan, and Adam and Eve's disobedience. God did warn in Genesis 2:16-17 that disobedience would result in death.)
7. What does Acts 2:22-24 say about God's sovereignty over evil?
8. What do John 1:1-2, 14, 18 tell us about the personal nature of God?

Getting out There

9. What are you dealing with right now for which you need to trust God and His sovereignty? Ask the group to pray for you concerning this.

Pray

Praise God for His absolute sovereignty over life and the world, and pray for His help in trusting Him each day.

Bonus Exercise

Work on memorizing Exodus 34:6-7 together.

"Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, 'The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; ⁷ who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.'"