**BCM Bible Study: March 3/4, 2021**

**Exodus 34:29-35; 40:34-38: Shining Face and God’s Presence**

Moses’ Shining Face: **Read Exodus 34:29-32**

* Take a look back at Exodus 33:11. Look ahead at **Deuteronomy 34:9-12**. What do these verses say about Moses and his relationship with God?
	+ Knowing these things, what does it indicate that Moses’ face is glowing?

**Read Exodus 34:33-35**

* Why did Moses operate this way with the veil? What does it indicate that he would remove it when he was with God?
* The apostle Paul directly applies Moses’ veil to our lives in 2 Corinthians. Let’s take a look at that passage: **Read 2 Corinthians 3:7-11**.
	+ What are these verses saying?

**Read 2 Corinthians 3:12-18**

* How would you summarize the message of these verses?
* What is the ministry of the Holy Spirit?
	+ **Read Romans 8:9-17** and **John 16:12-15**. How have you experienced the ministry of the Spirit in your life? How can you relate to the things described in these verses?
* These verses in 2 Corinthians say that Christians reflect the glory of God to others. What does this mean? How would others see God’s glory through you?
	+ **Read 1 Peter 2:9-12**. What does the life described here look like?
	+ Do you ever feel stuck or unable to grow or live as you want? How so? What does it look like to let the Spirit work in your heart?

God With Us: After the tabernacle is built, the book of Exodus ends as follows: **Read Exodus 40:34-38.** The people’s movements were totally dependent on God. They only moved if he did. What would it mean to act this way in your own life? How can you identify God’s activity in the world?

* + The implication of following God’s movement is that the mission of God’s people is *his mission*. How does this give us peace about our role in God’s plans on the earth?
		- How does this shape the way you think about your plans for the future?
		- How can God be glorified in a “secular” (non-ministry) job?
* In Jesus, we see that God came to dwell with us in a new way: **Read John 1:14, Hebrews 1:3**. What do these verses say about Jesus? How is Jesus a fulfillment of what God started in Exodus?
	+ One of the great benefits of Jesus’ humanity is stated in Hebrews: **Read Hebrews 4:14-16**. How is Jesus different than the ancient high priests we have seen in Exodus?
		- How do you usually handle temptation?
		- What does it mean to draw near to the throne of grace? How can we do that? Why might that help in times of temptation?

Conclusion and Challenge: This week, consider your doubts and struggles that pull you away from God. Confess them to God or to someone else. Ask him for help. **Read Psalm 3 and 6** to guide your prayers and reflections.