

INTRO

- Name one characteristic about yourself that you are proud of.

This series is about posturing our hearts towards the goodness and greatness of our God. In each biblical encounter, we get a greater revelation of who God is and what he's like.

READ

Exodus 34:6-7

REFLECT & RESPOND

One of the core foundations of Christianity is that God has chosen to reveal and make himself known to us. It is also why we as humans have such a deep need to know and be known by others.

Qu: What characteristics come to mind if you are to describe God to someone else?

In Moses' encounter with God, God reveals his goodness to Moses and declares that he is:

COMPASSIONATE and **GRACIOUS, SLOW TO ANGER**, overflowing in **LOYAL LOVE** and **FAITHFULNESS, FORGIVING** and **JUST**

These 7 attributes become the foundational way of describing God's character throughout the OT. (e.g. see Ps 86:15, Neh 9:17, Joel 2:13, Jonah 4:2.)

However, it also highlights the tension between God's mercy/love and justice in dealing with people: how does a fiercely loving and faithful God dwell with a sinful, rebellious people? This is not just the story for Moses and Israel, but the story Scripture is telling of our reality. We even feel this tension in our own lives: who makes you angry? Who gets your mercy? How do you decide?

Qu: Do you struggle to reconcile the tension between God's mercy and justice? Explain.

As clarifying as this Big Reveal is, God ultimately chose to reveal himself in the clearest way possible to us through Jesus. Jesus is the clearest revelation and manifestation of God's glory:

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. — John 1:14

RECEIVE & RECIPROCATE

God's desire is for us to know and experience Him like this, as well as reciprocate these characteristics towards God and others.

Qu: Which of the 7 attributes do you struggle the most with to show towards others? Why is that?

RESPOND & PRAY

- Pray for one another especially in light of the last question.
- Pray for a greater revelation of Jehovah Jireh, The-Lord-Who-Sees-To-It In each other's life.