

Small Group Guide



Opening Question: What assumptions or preconceptions do you have about God's character? How have these shaped your relationship with Him?

Key Takeaways:

1. God reveals Himself as compassionate and gracious in Exodus 34:5-7.
2. God's jealousy is not like human jealousy; it's His passionate desire for the flourishing of His creation.
3. There are no generational curses from God, but there are consequences of sin that can affect future generations.
4. God delights in showing love and forgiveness, but He will also consistently stand against sin in every generation.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does understanding God's jealousy as a desire for our flourishing change your perspective on His character?
2. The sermon mentions that "nothing is more important than what you think about God." Why do you think this is so crucial? How might it impact your daily life?
3. Discuss the difference between a generational curse and the consequences of sin. How have you seen this play out in your own life or in the lives of others?
4. The sermon uses the analogy of "building bridges or digging ditches" for future generations. What kind of legacy are you leaving for those who come after you?
5. How does the contrast between God's love to "thousands of generations" and punishment to "the third and fourth generation" impact your understanding of God's nature?
6. In what ways does God's desire for people to turn from sin and live reflect His compassionate and gracious character?