Ascending The Mountain

Session 2: Beholding His Face

Intro Questions:
- When is a time that an emotional experience deepened your relationship with someone?
- What do you think is the importance of experiencing and encountering God?
- Describe a marking experience when you encountered God. What changed after that encounter?
- Have you ever been in a place where you "want to want" God?

God is a very experiential God! His desire is for you to know Him and to be known by Him… and what more intimate way is there to know somebody than through deep encounter and experience. The purpose of this series is to encounter God for who He is, and when we experience and encounter Him, intellectual truth becomes heartfelt belief, strongholds become demolished, and marking moments become anchors of hope in the midst of future trials.

Scripture & Encounter:
Read Exodus 34:29-35 for background context.

Read 2 Corinthians 3:7-18

Verse mapping is one of the many ways that we can encounter God by using Scripture to explore the character and personality of God. Print the verse mapping page and complete it, verse mapping 2 Corinthians 3:18. This is something that you can do on your own as well.

Reflection:

"And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." It is when we behold God for who He is and contemplate the depths of His character that we experience being transformed from glory to glory.

- Discuss what you learned about God, Scripture, and yourself. Turn what you learned into a prayer. Also pray about how you would like God to reveal Himself to you.

Scripture Versions
Write your Scripture in 3 different versions

Cross References
Find & Write out other verses that speak about the words or concepts you defined earlier

Choose A Scripture

Definitions
Pick three words that stand out in the verses and define them

God's Invitation
Write out the specific invitation God is asking you to make