



Desert Places: Moses My Faithful Servant

Date: Sunday 23rd August

Key Verses: Psalm 105:25-26, Acts 7:22

Talk Summary: In the story of Moses, called the deliverer by God, we see him seeking to bring about deliverance for his people in his own strength. He ends up fleeing into the wilderness as God strips away and then prepares him for an encounter that will send him back in His strength.

- It was a sharp descent from the palace to the wilderness, but a better place to meet with God
- Everything of his previous privileged life (Acts 7:22) was stripped away during 40 years in the wilderness.
- For us this season we can have experienced the stripping away of what we rely on
- The question to reflect on “Is His presence enough?” or is it Jesus plus plus plus
- The desert is a place of dependency. Its glorying in our weakness not strength
- Jesus says “Apart from me you can do nothing” John 15:5
- The reflection question “Is our dependency on Jesus?” or Jesus and our own plans, giftings, strengths.
- The desert is also a place of encounter. Exodus 3:2-5.
- When Moses turned to look, only then did God speak.
- Reflection question “Is the Lord speaking to you?” Will you turn, take time and listen

Worship

- What are you thankful for this week?
- Where has God been at work in your life?
- When have you taken risks in faith and obedience this week?
- What has God been speaking to you about this week? (*Go around the group quickly don't spend a long time on it*)

Discussion Questions (choose some which are most relevant to your group)

- What areas have you sensed God stripping away from you during this season?
- Does our dependency on God grow or decrease the more mature, experienced and equipped we become?
- What distractions do we face that hinder us from turning and listening as God speaks to us?

Witness

We want to be investing in authentic relationships with those who don't know Jesus yet and inviting them to anything where they might meet other Christians and Jesus. Pick one of the below each week:

- How would you share what you have learned with a non-church friend?