

LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN / MAY 11

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Read & Pray

Read Exodus 34:10–35. After reading, pray for God to open our hearts to discuss and apply these truths.

Sermon Recap

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- "Transformation is not something we do, but is something that is done to us by the Holy Spirit."
- "God is helping Israel to see that obedience to his commands is the key to not only their covenant witness among the nations, but to their transformation."
- "Lingering or abiding in God's presence is key for transformation."
- "Transformation happens when we regularly receive God's Word."
- "God transforms us when we consistently pray."

Group Discussion

1. How have you experienced transformation in your spiritual journey? What areas of your life do you still long to see God transform?
2. What's the difference between trying to transform ourselves versus making room for the Holy Spirit to transform us?
3. Considering the "Crock-Pot vs. microwave" analogy for our inner life, what specific "hurry" most hinders you from lingering with God?
4. How does obeying God's commands (Exodus 34:11) practically lead to the joy and personal transformation Pastor Bryan described?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 3:18. How does Moses' experience in Exodus 34:28–35 illustrate the transformation in 2 Corinthians 3?

CHALLENGE

- Set aside 15 minutes each day this week to linger in God's presence through prayer and Bible reading, without any technology or screens.

PRAYER

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to do his transformative work within us, changing us from "one degree of glory to another," beyond what we can manufacture ourselves.
- Ask God to transform our lives by his Word and presence, so that they become an authentic witness to the world around us.