

09 CHARACTER OF GOD

KEY TEXT: **EXODUS 32:1-4; 34:1-9**

CENTRAL truth

At one point or another, most of us have wondered, “What is God like?” In this week’s session, we’ll discover how the Lord describes Himself to Moses. As we learn about God’s character, we’ll be reminded that **humble worship is the proper response to His holiness.**

key question

How did Moses respond to the Lord’s revelation about Himself? What does this teach us about a proper response to the Lord?

Moses’s immediate response to the Lord was to worship—the only proper response to the Lord’s presence and His revelation of Himself. Moses understood this truth and his posture reflected it as he “knelt low on the ground” (see Ex. 34:8). In his culture, this was a standard way of indicating humility and submission. God alone is worthy of our total devotion and affection.

keep in mind

- Make sure to review the **Be Vulnerable** section as you prepare for this week’s teaching. Reflect on how you’ve seen God’s grace, compassion, forgiveness, patience, and justice in your own life. As students wrestle with their own doubts about God and His character, your own experience can serve as an encouragement.
- The last part of verse 7 may be confusing to students. God is not saying that He punishes children and grandchildren for the sins of previous generations. Rather, as each generation continued to live out the sinful behaviors and actions of their parents and grandparents, He would execute His justice. Allow the leader notes and additional commentary to guide you here.

application

What are some ways we can help people who don’t know the Lord to understand His character?

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FOR THE STUDENT: As students learn about the character of God, encourage them to pray that their affection for Him would grow and that they would trust and obey Him.

FOR THE LEADER: Consider regularly encouraging students to return to Exodus 34:6-7 so that they can continue to grow in understanding God’s character.

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