



## Reviewing the Sunday Message

### rGroup Guide

“FACETIME”

*Pastor Miles McPherson / January 20, 2019 Exodus 33:8-11*

#### Reviewing the Message:

A Do Something Disciple - A person with a disciplined pursuit of the heart of the Father, a heart being perfected in love for God, people, and self.

**H** – Holiness **E** – Evangelism **A** – Appreciation **R** – Relationships **T** – Thoughts

Sermon Application: **ASK** God for His heart:

- **A**ssess the condition of your heart. *Our heart changes moment-to-moment.*
- **S**earch Scripture for the conviction of God’s heart. *God’s conviction is consistent.*
- **K**nit your heart with God. *A deliberate and constant surrender.*

Weekly Memory Verse: Exodus 33:11a (NKJV): “*So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.*”

On Sunday Pastor Miles continued his sermon on how to **ASK** God for His Heart. To **ASK** God for His Heart we need to first assess the condition of our hearts. Next, we need to search the scripture for the conviction of God’s heart. Then, we need to knit our heart with God.

Read Exodus 33:8-11. Preceding this passage, the Israelites had fallen into deep sin by erecting and worshipping a false idol. Because of the Israelites’ sin, God does not want to be in the midst of the people as He is holy and there is only One true God to worship. In Exodus 33:8-11 we see that although the Israelites have sinned against God, Moses and God continue to have a close face-to-face relationship. The first part of verse 33:11 reads, “So the LORD spoke with Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend...” Here we see the reality of intimacy and accessibility between God and Moses. In the ancient Near East, it was dishonorable to look a superior in the face. Yet, here we see Moses and God speaking as friends. It’s amazing that our God would meet with man face-to-face, as a friend. It is remarkable that Jesus also calls us His friends, “No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you” (John 15:15 NKJV).

Question: Can you describe your face-to-face time with God (where, when, and how)? Discuss this question in your rGroup. Next, connect with someone in your rGroup to help hold you accountable to your “face-to-face” time with God this week.

### **How is Your Heart?**

Pastor Miles shared a story about his grandson and how his grandson was afraid of the dark. Pastor Miles shared that his grandson was only comfortable walking in the darkness if he knew that Pastor Miles was with him. In our lives we all face challenges that require the faith that God is with you. In your rGroup discuss the following:

- What are some current challenges or struggles that you are facing where you need God’s presence?
- How has God been speaking to you about those challenges and/or struggles?
- This week how will you walk in in a greater confidence that God is forever present?

### **How are you pursuing God's HEART?**

On a daily basis, **ASK** God for his heart:

- **A**ssess the condition of your heart.
- **S**earch Scripture for the conviction of God’s heart.
- **K**nit your heart with God.

### **NEXT STEPS:**

Text *DISCIPLE* to 52525 for information on rGroup / dGroup, Bible reading plan and fasting resources.

### **A Do Something Disciple Prayer**

*As a Do Something Disciple, I am in a disciplined pursuit for the heart of The Father, a heart that is being perfected in love for God and people.*

#### **“Father give me a heart that:**

- Desperately seeks face-to-face intimacy with You.
- Faithfully avoids that which displeases You.
- Humbly embraces a Kingdom Mindset.
- Values making Disciples.

#### **Jesus, create in me a heart that:**

- Values being guided by the Word of God.
- Gratefully grows in generosity.
- Nurtures a burden for lost people.
- Demonstrates a commitment to a Spirit-filled expression of my gifts.

#### **Holy Spirit develop a heart in me that:**

- Gracefully gives and receives forgiveness.
- Passionately worships God.
- Is dependent on the power of prayer.
- Serves with Humility.

Father, knit my heart with Yours.

Fill my heart with Your passions, motivations and desires.

In Jesus Name, Amen.”

Review together the D12 Descriptors for those who may have missed these earlier in the year. These are twelve characteristics of a disciple that is pursuing the heart of the Father God:

1. Dependent on the power of prayer
2. Seeks face-to-face intimacy with God
3. Avoids that which is displeasing to God
4. Develops Kingdom Mindset
5. Makes disciples of others
6. Guided by the Word of God
7. Grows in generosity
8. Burden for the lost
9. Committed to a Spirit-filled expression of their gifts
10. Gracefully gives and receives forgiveness
11. Worships God passionately
12. Serves with humility