

TASTE & SEE: WK 5 HANDOUT

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP

- What has been one of the highlights of your life in the past year?
- In a typical week, what percentage of time do you spend noticing the good things in life and what's going right? How does this compare to the time you spend noticing the bad and what's going wrong?
- How do you typically react to good news? Joy? Gratitude? Skepticism? Worry?

MAGNIFY NARRATIVE CONFESSION OF FAITH: "CREATION"

"We believe that God, **out of his love** and for his glory, created all things out of nothing and pronounced them **good**. The Father, Son and Spirit created Adam and Eve in their image and **blessed** them that they might fill the earth, subdue it and **cultivate shalom** in all the earth for God's glory. In the **joy** of his presence they were to **love** God, **love** each other and **steward** the world on his behalf as his representatives."

QUESTIONS:

- Was Creation the first good thing? By what standard did God call it "good"?
- Are you ever tempted to doubt God's goodness? What circumstances bring that out most?
- How much do you trust yourself to recognize and judge what is truly good?
- Knowing that God is good and believing that He loves you are two different things. Do you understand and believe that God loves you? If this is a challenge, why?

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READ: Ex. 34:5-8

QUESTIONS

- 1) What does God say is His name? (v6-7)
- 2) What patterns do you see in the way God characterizes Himself here?
- 3) What perfections are missing from this description? Do you think there is any significance to this?
- 4) How did Moses respond to God's name? (v8)

This interaction was in response to a request Moses made.

READ: Ex. 33:18-23 for context.

- 5) What did Moses ask to see? (v18)
- 6) What did God say about that specific request? (v20)
- 7) What did God offer instead? (v19)
- 8) If God's name is all the goodness Moses could handle, what might God's face be like? How does it make you feel to know that you will see God's face one day?

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK:

Memorize Exodus 34:6 (or at least write it down and put it somewhere you can see each day).

Pray for at least one of the guys in your group each day over the things he shared relating to this verse in his life.