



Prayer List



Challenge for the week:

From Ezekiel 20 my challenge for this week is:



More Resources for personal and group use:

Websites:

Mark's Article:

https://faculty.gordon.edu/hu/bi/ted_hildebrandt/otesources/02-exodus/text/articles/wessner-ex33face-rq.pdf



A little about Westwood Church...

We believe that God changes lives!

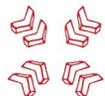
That motivates us to...

Bring Jesus into Life

By...

...becoming an increasingly healthy, vibrant and effective witness for Jesus in Prince George and around the world!

We do this by engaging in three things:



GATHER

Sunday mornings to celebrate and learn about God



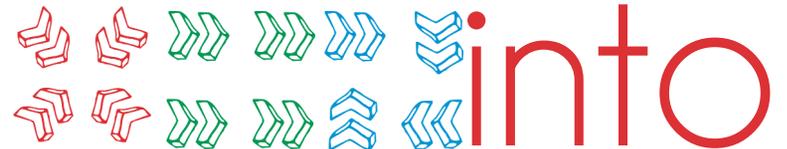
GROUPS

Weekly meetings that go deeper in relationships with each other and God



GO

Serving in the church and community to present Jesus to the world



LIFE

Study guide



Ezekiel 20:33-36

For Individuals and Life Groups

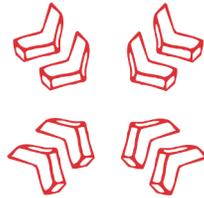
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Introduction:

In this series we will be looking at five Old Testament passages where God reveals himself in a unique way to his chosen people. These “face to face” encounters have four elements: divine initiation, profound intimacy, intentional solitude and supernatural verification. Not only will we explore the encounters in their original contexts, we will also discover what it might mean to have a face to face encounter with God today.

Unlike the other “face to face” encounters this last one in Ezekiel is used in the context of judgement. To understand a brief context for this read Ezekiel 20:1-32 which explores Israel’s history to the point that they end up in exile.

Into the scriptures

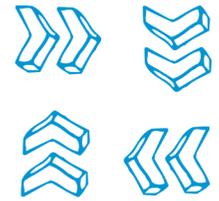


Read: Ezekiel 20:33-36

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...)

Describe God’s relationship with the Israelites at this point in their history.

Look through Ezekiel 20:1-32. List and discuss the justification God gives for this “face to face” (20:35) judgement.



Into my life

The Israelites were facing God’s judgement because they wanted to be like the nations around them (20:32). What pressures do we face to live like our culture? Which areas do you find particularly hard to resist?

What changes need to be made in your life so that you can live in faithfulness to God? (Pray for each other in this)



Into the world

As followers of Jesus we are called to be different in the world. How do you think our church would look to the world if we were different?

What can we do about it?