

**Text:** Exodus 33:12-17; John 14:23; 20:22

### **Discovering Our Missional Center**

- A \_\_\_\_\_ review (Ex 19:6)
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ centers

### **God's Manifest Presence is Essential to Our Mission**

- The difference between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ presence
  
- God's manifest presence is \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Distinctiveness includes the \_\_\_\_\_ (Ex 34:10)

### **Valuing God's Presence Among us**

- A recognition that we are \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 14:23; 20:22)
  
- Ensure that God's presence is our \_\_\_\_\_

## Life Enrichment

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What about today's sermon challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- In making Israel His “treasured possession” (Ex 19:5) God is inspiring *inquisitive jealousy* in the nations surrounding Israel. How can jealousy be a positive thing? Why is the world's jealousy of God's people part of the redemptive mission?
- What are some things we use as substitute centers in God's redemptive mission? Why do they fall short as center points of the mission?
- In Exodus 33:12-17, why is Moses so adamant that God not remove His presence from Israel?
- When the people of God are not experiencing God's presence, what do they replace it with? How does that affect their mission?
- What is the difference between omnipresence and manifest presence?
- Why do you think God chose His manifest presence as the fundamental distinguishing mark of His people? Does that mark carry over to the NT church? Why or why not?
- How does the miraculous play into our distinctiveness?
- What are some ways we can value and nurture God's manifest presence in our lives and church?
- What might it say about us if we were willing to go on without God's manifest presence?