



**Riverstone**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

## Sermon Based Questions

Date- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Series- Open to the Spirit Prt 1

### **The Spirit as Gods' presence**

*14 The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." 15 Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. 16 How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?" Exodus 33:14-16*

**1. Be present with us that we might be a distinctive people. Exodus 33:12-16**

**2. The Spirit is indeed the real presence of God among us. Isaiah 63:9-14**

### **A. Examining the texts.**

1. Read Exodus 33:12-23. (Context) Glancing back at the proceeding chapters (perhaps from the headings), what is the recent context of Israel's sin that preceded this section? In the early parts of chapter 13- why is it that God said that he would not go with his people?
2. Read Exodus 33:12-14. What does Moses ask of the Lord and how does the Lord respond? Read 33:15-17. How does Moses respond and what does he "tell the Lord?" Why does Moses think that he needs God's presence?
3. Read Exodus 33:18-23. Why does God say that he will do the very thing that Moses asked and why do you think he offered to show Moses his own glory?
4. Read Isaiah 63:9-14. How does Isaiah look back on the Moses story and what does he say about the Holy Spirit? What does it say that the Spirit enabled Moses to do?

### **B. Meditation & application**

5. Do you think it is important to be open to the Holy Spirit in your life? If so- what do these passages teach you about the Spirit and his ministry?
6. What do you make of Moses bold interactions with the Lord- "if your presence does not go up etc," what do you think inspired this boldness and what does this say to us about prayer (if anything)? Do you think that prayer and openness to the Spirit are related? If so, how? (See also Luke 11:9-13).
7. In what ways does the Holy Spirit help you in being a distinctive and set apart person for God in your life? How could you become (with the Spirit's help), more distinctively Christian?
8. How could you become more open to the Spirit in your life?

A Prayer: Lord- we are open to the Holy Spirit, come to us, dwell in us, speak to us so that we might become more like Christ. Lord give us the courage to be open, Lord we want to be open to the Holy Spirit. Come Holy Spirit- Amen.