

# Summary

This sermon explores the end of Exodus, focusing on God's glory (kavod) and His relationship with His people. The pastor discusses how God is both holy and near, demonstrated through His presence in the tabernacle and His guidance of the Israelites. The sermon emphasizes that while God is too glorious for humans to fully comprehend, He desires an intimate relationship with His people and promises to lead them to their ultimate destination.

## Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we gather to discuss Your glory and nearness, open our hearts and minds to understand You better. Help us approach You with childlike wonder and faith, and guide our discussion to draw us closer to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Ice Breaker

What's the most awe-inspiring natural wonder you've ever experienced, and how did it make you feel?

## Key Verses

1. Exodus 40:34-38
2. Isaiah 6:1-5
3. Matthew 18:3
4. John 14:1-6

## Questions

1. How do you personally understand or experience God's glory in your life?
2. Why do you think we sometimes try to make God smaller or more manageable in our minds?
3. What does it mean to you that God is both holy and near?
4. How can we maintain childlike wonder in our relationship with God while still maturing in our faith?
5. In what ways do you see God leading you in your life right now?
6. How does understanding God's glory impact the way you worship?
7. What prevents us from fully trusting God's leadership in our lives?
8. How can we better balance seeking understanding about God while maintaining a sense of awe about His mystery?

## Life Application

This week, take time each day to intentionally recognize and acknowledge God's glory in your daily life. Whether through nature, circumstances, or personal experiences, journal about moments where you see His presence and power, approaching these observations with childlike wonder rather than analytical scrutiny.

## Key Takeaways

1. God is both holy (glorious) and intimately near to His people
2. We shouldn't try to make God small enough to understand, but rather embrace His mystery
3. Following God requires childlike faith and wonder
4. God promises to lead us to ultimate glory in His presence
5. Our primary purpose is to glorify God and follow His leading

## Ending Prayer

Lord God, thank You for being both gloriously holy and intimately near. Help us to embrace Your magnitude while treasuring Your closeness. Give us the courage to follow You faithfully, maintaining childlike wonder as we journey toward Your promised glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.