



## Study Guide – God with Us: The Presence of The Lord – No.1

Week Commencing 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019

Please read **Luke 2.27-30**

1. What do you think it means to 'have found favour with God'? And what do you think it means that the 'Lord is with you'?
2. How do you think a person might get these things? Do you think you have these things?

*Moses was someone described as having 'found favour with God'. He had experienced God's Presence in many and spectacular ways – at the burning bush; in the signs and wonders in Egypt; at the Red Sea; at Mt Sinai; in the Commands and the Covenant. And in the Tent of Meeting, we are told that "the Lord would speak to Moses, as one speaks to a friend."*

Please read **Exodus 33.12-13**. *Moses has heard God's call on his life. He's effectively saying, before I move forward, I need detail – I need the ways and means for how I'm going to do this - this is going to be a tough gig – I don't feel equipped or able. I need the details and the directions.*

3. Do you relate to Moses here? Are there any areas of your life where you feel like the task is overwhelming and your instinct/ habit is to look to God to provide reassuring details and plans for the way ahead to enable you to confidently step forward?

Please read **Exodus 33.14**

4. What do you think about how God responds to Moses? Doesn't God care about the details? What if God is also responding to you like this – how would you react?

Please read **Exodus 33.15-16**

5. Here's how Moses reacts – why do you think he presses this so much with God? If you were bold enough to press God like this, what would you do next?

Please read **Exodus 33.18**

6. Here's what Moses did next – do you think Moses is being a bit 'needy' or a bit greedy? After all, he's had God reassure him repeatedly that he is favoured and that He'll be with him, and he's already sees LOADS of amazing God experiences! What would stop you from asking God for the kind of tangible reassuring experience of Himself that will empower you?

Please read **Exodus 33.19; 21-23; Luke 11.11-13**

7. Here's what God thinks of Moses' request. Do you think He wants to give to you in the same way?