

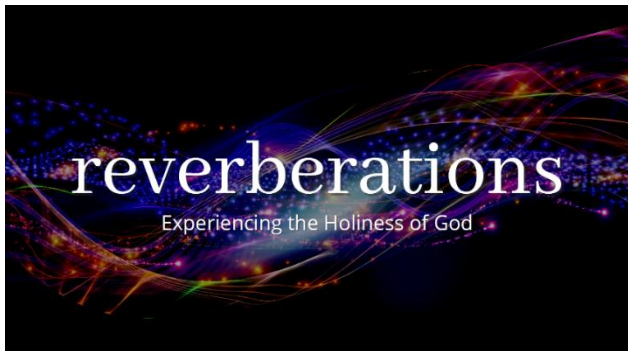
Lent 2021 Sermon Series

“Jesus: Encountering God”

The Lord passed by before him and proclaimed: “The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, and abounding in loyal love and faithfulness, keeping loyal love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin. But he by no means leaves the guilty unpunished, responding to the transgression of fathers by dealing with children and children’s children, to the third and fourth generation.” ([Exodus 34:6-7, NET](#))

Description: In Exodus 34:6-7, God reveals his character to Moses on the mountain. We have been looking at the character of God as he made himself known in the Old Testament. As we enter the season of Lent, we want to explore each of the five characteristics as described in this passage and see the ways in which Jesus reveals God to us, because he is God with us. We will marvel at these characteristics unambiguously displayed in the life of Jesus Christ and hear his call to have these traits characterize our lives as Christians.

To encounter Jesus Christ is to encounter God, to encounter Christians is to encounter Christ. As we look at Jesus, let’s look at ourselves. How are we providing the people in our communities with encounters that reflect Christ?



"Reverberations: Experiencing the Holiness of God"

The whole world reverberates with the glorious holiness of God – the perfect goodness, beauty and truth of God that makes him, well, God. What happens when rebellious, imperfect humans encounter that holiness? The very nature of God reverberates through us. We experience the essence of who God is; we experience the declaration of Exodus 34:6-7 that Yahweh is compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness; forgiving sin but who does not let the guilty go unpunished. In this sermon series we look at how those eternal characteristics are found throughout God’s relationship with his people in the Hebrew scriptures. This prepares us for Lent during which time we will marvel at these characteristics unambiguously displayed in the life of Jesus Christ and hear his call to have these traits characterize our lives as Christians as well.