¹ The Lord said to Moses,

"Chisel out two stone tablets like the first ones, and I will write on them the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke.² Be ready in the morning, and then come up on Mount Sinai. Present yourself to me there on top of the mountain.³ No one is to come with you or be seen anywhere on the mountain; not even the flocks and herds may graze in front of the mountain."

⁴ So Moses chiseled out two stone tablets like the first ones and went up Mount Sinai early in the morning, as the Lord had commanded him; and he carried the two stone tablets in his hands. ⁵ Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord.

⁶ And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming,

"The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷ maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation."

⁸ Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped. ⁹ "Lord," he said,

"if I have found favor in your eyes, then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance."

¹⁰ Then the Lord said:

"I am making a covenant with you. Before all your people I will do wonders never before done in any nation in all the world. The people you live among will see how awesome is the work that I, the Lord, will do for you.



What does Scripture teach about who God is?

How do those attributes help to shape our lives?

God is <u>compassionate and gracious</u>. God is <u>slow to anger and abounding in love</u>.

God is holy, holy, holy.

God is the same yesterday, today, tomorrow.

God is completely trustworthy.

God is full of grace and truth.

Who is God?

"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." A.W. Tozer *The Knowledge of the Holy* How do you know who God is? (Sources of knowledge about God)

- 1. What others say about Him
- 2. What I think He should be like
- 3. What He has revealed about Himself

Why does it matter who I know God to be?

- God created us intentionally in His own image (Gen. 1:27)
- 2. We lost sight of this imprint when we turned away from Him (Rom. 1:21)
- 3. God has never changed (Ps. 90:2)
- 4. Because of who He is, He made a way for us to be remade in His image (Eph. 2:12-13)

Moses Meets with God on the Mountain Exodus 34:1-10

- A. God calls Moses up Mount Sinai again. (1-4)
- B. God reveals His presence to Moses. (5-6)
- C. God reveals His character to Moses. (6-7)
- D. Moses responds appropriately. (8-9)
- E. God promises to bless Israel. (10-11)

Who has God revealed Himself to be...

in Egypt?
in the Wilderness?
through the law?
in rebellion?

Slow to Anger

"The living God is a patient God. And in the shadow of his patience we find hope."

God's divine patience—neither forsaking His justice nor His righteousness—relentlessly calls us back into right covenantal relationship with Him.

Slow to Anger

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Abounding in Steadfast Love

"Hesed is the devoted love, promised within a covenant. Hesed is a love that is willing to commit itself to another by making its promise a matter of solemn record."

Lamentations 3:22

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end."

Where Patience and Love Meet: the Cross.

Romans 5:8-9

8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness..."

