

WEEK 1
LESSON OUTLINE

THE MAKING OF



BIG IDEA

Spending time with God can make us more like Jesus.

BIBLE

Exodus 34:29–31; Romans 12:12; Philippians 2:1–11

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Every movie has a director who helps shape the vision as it moves from words on a page to something we experience. This week, we'll hear the story of Moses after he came down the mountain after spending time hearing directly from God. This story teaches us how **spending time with God can make us more like Jesus**

WHAT?

Have you ever watched a behind-the-scenes feature and watched a movie director in action? They call the shots and help everyone know what to do. When we decide to follow Jesus, we put our trust in an incredible director who wants to help us become the versions of ourselves he always envisioned. So, what does saying "yes" and allowing Jesus to direct our lives look like?

SO WHAT?

In Exodus 34:29–31, we see Moses returning from Mount Sinai and talking with God. After Moses spent time getting this guidance from God, he walked back down the mountain to share it. When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, he didn't realize he was glowing. When we spend time with God, we, too, can leave glowing just like Moses, radiating joy, peace, and hope. We can listen to God's direction in our lives anytime and anywhere.

In Romans 12:12, the apostle Paul highlights one of the keys to following Jesus. We can choose to be faithful in prayer. As we talk to God and carve out time to listen, we will be guided, encouraged, and helped by God. As we spend more and more time with God, we will continually become who we are meant to be. We don't have to have it all together to talk to God. God wants to meet us right where we are. We simply need to invite God into our day-to-day journey and trust each step of the way. God will make us into who we're meant to be because **spending time with God can make us more like Jesus.**

NOW WHAT?

Here are a few questions you can ask yourself to help you discover different ways to connect with God this week.

- **WHAT'S YOUR SCHEDULE LIKE?** Think through your schedule and how you can create pockets of time to connect with God in new ways this week. When we feel like we don't have time, it's a good sign we need to take another look and make time for God.
- **WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY?** What are the passions God has given you? Those are ways you can connect to God with your mind, body, heart, and soul each day. Notice what those things are for you this week, and talk to God about them.
- **HOW DOES GOD HELP YOU GLOW?** Think creatively about how your passions and joys can be spaces for you to meet with God to become more like Jesus.

God simply wants to spend time with us, and as we do, we will be transformed because **spending time with God can make us more like Jesus.**