Week 1: Kavod

Even though the Scriptures can sometimes be confusing, understanding the Bible isn't only for pastors and professors. Learning just a little bit about the original languages can radically transform the way you read your English Bible. And, when you know a few key words, they will help you to better understand the power of God's story in life changing ways.

Discussion Questions:

1. What language(s) can you speak? What situations have you been in where you couldn't communicate in the native tongue? How did you feel? What impact did it have on your experience? How did you overcome the language barrier?

2. "My father says almost the whole world's asleep. Everybody you know, everybody you see, everybody you talk to. He says only a few people are awake. And they live in a state of constant, total amazement." (Quote from Joe Versus The Volcano) Why do you think this statement is an accurate assessment of humanity? In what ways do you feel it is inaccurate? When in your life were you "asleep"? What woke you up? What will need to happen to wake up the "whole world"?

3. **Read Exodus 33:12-18**. What did you find unique or interesting about Moses' encounter with God? How did you feel about his first two requests ("Let me know you better." "Let me see your glory.") Anything else/different you would have asked for in that moment? What would you like to ask God for right now?

4. The word "KAVOD" is our "IYKYK" Hebrew word for today. In Exodus 33:18, this word is translated "glory" and means "importance" or "weight" or "greatness." When Moses asked, "God, let me see your glory," what do you believe he was hoping would happen? In the message, James said: "When you catch a glimpse of God's glory everything changes." How have you seen God's glory in the past? How did it change you? In what ways can you seek and experience it in the future?

BONUS:

Take some time this week to tap into your senses to experience the "WOW" of God's "kavod" (glory). Fill in the following:

I feel like saying "WOW" when...

I See _____

I Hear _____

I Taste _____

I Touch _____

I Smell _____