

# SHARE Group Discussion Guide

Texts: *Matthew 5:8; 1 John 3:1-3; Jeremiah 29:13; 1 Samuel 16:7; Exodus 33:18-23*

Purpose of Discussion: *To help us want to be like and see God.*

## Introduction:

- At any time in your life, who is someone you have greatly longed to see? (relative? Someone important? Someone you love, admire?) Why did you want to see them?
- What have you, in the past or present, imagined God to look like?

## Getting Into the Text:

### Read Exodus 33:18-23

- Moses' relationship with God had certainly changed since his first meeting God at the burning bush (Ex 3:6). Why do you think Moses wanted to see God and all his Glory in chapter 33 whereas he was afraid in chapter 3?
- Have you ever been frightened by the thought of seeing God or Jesus?
- What, if anything, has helped you overcome this dreadful fear? What do you think helped Moses?

### Read Matthew 5:8; 1 John 3:2-3

- What does it mean to be pure in heart?
- Should our desire to see God in the future be a driving force for us to want to be like him now?

### Read Jeremiah 29:13

- How does Jeremiah say the Israelites in Babylon could find God?
- How can we do this? What would it look like to seek God with all of our heart? Who have you known that seemed to do that successfully?

## Taking it Home:

- Who is someone you can see God living in? In what ways could you see God in them?
- Are there people you know, who might need to see God through you this week?
- Are you prepared to calm the fears of those who fear God, by them about salvation? (Isaiah 1:18; Revelation 3:20)
- What are some things you can focus on this week to promote purity in heart?