## A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study Date: January 8, 2023 Exodus 34:1-28

- 1. What did we talk about in the last week's study?
  - a. God tells Moses to take the Israelites to the promised land, but He was not going to go with them because he might destroy them.
  - b. We learned that Moses met with God in the tent of meeting and the cloud covered the entrance and all the people stood at the entrance of their tents and worshiped when they saw God descend on the tent to meet with Moses.
  - c. Moses tells God that they will not go from there unless God's presence goes with them.
  - d. Moses asked "what else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"
  - e. God agrees to go with them and shows himself to Moses.
- 2. What happens in 34:1-5?\_\_\_\_\_
- 3. What does God proclaim, in 34:6-7, as he is passing in front of Moses?
  - a. The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin....
  - b. ...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.
- 4. This is apparently what God proclaimed about Himself to Moses. Is this our understanding of God? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ Explain.\_\_\_\_\_

What happens if we don't have a balanced understanding of God's character and response to our actions and sin? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you think God proclaims his character in Moses in this way and at this time?

5. What does Moses do in 34:8-9?\_\_\_\_\_

How does God respond in 34:10-11?

6. What instructions does God give in 34:12-15?

What do we learn about God's reasoning for forbidding such "treaties" in 34:16?

Do you think this still applies to us today (See also 2 Corinthians 6:14)? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ Explain.

- 7. What is God doing in 34:17-28?
  - a. It sounds like he has a whole new list of rules.
  - b. He is primarily reaffirming the commands that he has already given them.
  - c. He is making a covenant with Israel...an agreement to go with them as long as they follow his instructions...just like he was trying to do when they so quickly went astray.
- 8. Given what God proclaimed about his character, or who he is, earlier in the passage, do you think that He still calls us to covenant in the same way today? Yes\_\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_\_So, his pattern is that he will have mercy on us for our past, but we are called to begin our walk with him in obedience from here on? \_\_\_\_\_\_Is this the walk you are on? \_\_\_\_\_\_