**Breaking Glory**

**Sermon Based Discussion (April 17, 2016)**

**Broken & Mended (Lent 2016)**

**WARM UP**

1. If you knew you were staying home all day and not going to see anybody, what part of your typical routine would you *not* do and why? (For example, not put on contacts, not wear makeup, etc.)

*If you woke up knowing you weren’t going to see anybody else all day, maybe you would change your morning routine. For some people, if they were staying home all day, they might change their morning routine to an “afternoon routine”! That’s because we might do things differently if we didn’t have to look presentable to others.*

*In this session, we consider how God commanded the people of ancient Israel to strip off their ornaments. We will discuss what that meant, and how it relates to us today.*

**INTO THE BIBLE (Read Exodus 33:1-23)**

1. What did the people do prior to this account which provoked God’s anger at them?
2. What does the pillar of cloud symbolize, and why is that significant?
3. Why is God’s presence the distinguishing feature of God’s people? (vv.15-6)

**UNDERSTANDING**

1. Why did the people view God’s message as “disastrous” (v.4) even though God promised to bless them (vv.2-3)?
2. Why do you think the people of Israel worshipped at their own doors when Moses and God talked face to face?
3. What does it mean in this passage to see God’s glory?

**DIFFERENCE**

1. What are the “ornaments” in our lives that we might put on in order to help us pretend our spiritual lives are better than they really are?
2. In what areas of life are you tempted to settle for God’s blessings instead of seeking God’s presence?
3. What aspect of God’s character have you been challenged to see more of?

**APPLICATION**

1. What is one way the truth from this Bible passage can challenge or encourage you this week?
2. As we conclude this Lenten series on Broken and Mended, what have you taken away from these sessions?