



Sugar Grove Life Groups

Have You Had A Burning Bush Experience?

This curriculum will explore the book of Exodus and the Israelites as they leave Egypt and head towards the promised land. In so many ways the story of the Exodus is our story– a community of God’s people who help and encourage each other on a difficult journey to a promised land that they have never seen. Your group will enjoy this material because God has much to teach us through the Exodus story about what it means to be the community of Christ.

PREPARE:

- ⊙ How are you doing? Catch us up on your life. What has been a high and a low in your life since this group last met? How have you seen God work in your life since this group last met?
- ⊙ Who is the most famous person you have ever met? Share with the group about your experience.

GROW:

- ⊙ Moses fled to Midian after he killed an Egyptian. In Midian married Jethro’s daughter and started a family but God had other plans for him.
- ⊙ **Read Exodus 3:1-6**
 - ⇒ If you had been Moses how do you think you would have reacted to a bush on fire that did not burn up followed by God calling your name from the bush?
 - ⇒ Why do you suppose Moses was afraid to look at God? (*this would be a good time to discuss holiness*)
 - ⇒ God got Moses attention through a burning bush. How does God get your attention?
- ⊙ **Read Exodus 3:7-12**
- ⊙ God heard the prayers of the Israelites and planned to save them through Moses. But Moses thought God had picked the wrong person.
 - ⇒ Why was Moses afraid?
 - ⇒ Have you ever been afraid to do something that God was leading you towards? Why?
 - ⇒ Do you struggle with self doubt? What is God’s solution for self doubt? How do we allow God to conquer our self doubt?
- ⊙ **Read Exodus 3:13-15**
- ⊙ Doing what God wants us to do first requires us to understand who God is. God describes himself as ‘I AM’. This is not simply a name– this is a description. God IS–period. He is everything; He is all powerful, He is love, He is mercy, He is salvation...
 - ⇒ Did Moses fully trust God? Why or why not?



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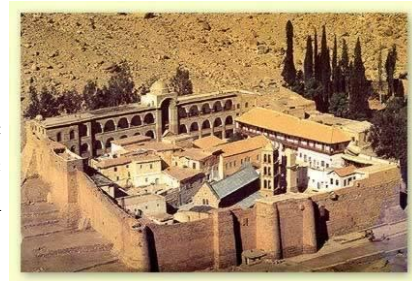
- ⇒ How would truly recognizing who God is change our daily existence?
- ⇒ There is no need to fear or worry about anything in life because God is God. How well do you do at putting your trust in God?
- ⇒ Does God understand when we struggle to put our trust in Him? Why?

⊙ **Read Exodus 3:16-22**

- ⊙ Verses 21 and 22 are not what you would expect. God appearing in a burning thorn bush is not what you would expect. The Savior of the world being born as a baby in an animal's dirty feeding trough is not what you would expect.
 - ⇒ Why does God never work in ways we would expect?
 - ⇒ Is God still the same today? Does He still work in ways that we do not expect? How can we learn to expect the unexpected from God?
- ‡ **What action do you need to take? Bible Study is meaningless unless it produces a change in your heart, your attitude, and in what you do. What change do you need to make in your life?**
- ‡ *(Keep track of what needs to change in your life and ask each other the next time your group meets how you are doing in regard to this area of your life.)*

PRAYER:

- ⊙ Have your group's prayer coordinator close your group time in the throne room of God.
- ⊙ Consider praying in one the following ways:
 - ⇒ Go around the circle and have each person pray what is on their heart.
 - ⇒ Break into small groups and spend time letting each group share deeper and then close with prayer.
 - ⇒ Go around the circle and lift the person on your left up in prayer.
 - ⇒ Place someone in the middle of the circle who has special prayer needs. Have everyone place their hands upon them and lift that person up in prayer.
 - ⇒ If your group has children let the adults pray together and then bring the children into the group so that the adults can circle around them and pray.
 - ⇒ Everyone get down on their knees and earnestly lift your requests to God.
 - ⇒ Sing a song of prayer to God.
 - ⇒ Let the women of the group pray for the men and then let the men of the group pray for the women.
 - ⇒ Spend an extended amount of time at the beginning of your group time after you have shared with each other how things are going in your life.



The monastery of Sinai is said to have been built upon the spot where the burning bush stood.