



## FACILITATOR'S GUIDE—YOUTH

*Year 3—The God Who Pursues Relationship: A Story of God's People*

*Module 3—Exodus*

*Lesson 6: Moses' Radiant Face—Exodus 34*

### ENCOUNTER 1—Community Discussion

Read Exodus 34 together out loud as a group. Encourage each person to journal through the passage using these questions. After allowing sufficient time for reflection, invite the group to share their thoughts.

*How is this God's story?*

*How is this others' story?*

*How is this my story?*

*How is this the world's story?*

### ENCOUNTER 2—Community Discussion

(Read the biblical reflection included with this lesson. The questions are designed for your group to enter into a meaningful dialogue about the Word. The bulleted teaching points are taken from the reflection and correspond to the questions.)

#### **GOD'S STORY**

*Do you think it was a good thing that the Israelites depended on God so much?*

- It's a challenge to focus on the Lord and not the provision. Sometimes when He does something amazing for us we get caught up in the experience versus God. Instead of losing focus, think more of Him than what He did.

*In what ways was the Lord involved in the lives of the Israelites?*

- People in the Old Testament didn't have the presence of God within them as we can. When the Lord revealed himself to the people it was in a concentrated, purposeful encounter.

*Is fear important or detrimental in a relationship with God?*

- A relationship is not about avoiding something we fear.
- Out of fear of avoiding hell, some people pray a prayer to make sure "they're good" with God—only we have to be careful we haven't just tried to avoid something fearful.

#### **OUR STORY**

*When has the time you've spent with God changed who you are, be it in how you act or look to others?*

*Is God's radiance flowing through you?*

- "If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin" (1 John 1:6-7).

## OTHERS' STORY

*How do people react to God's presence in you as He shows himself through your life?*

- The way we do or don't spend time with the Lord will show up in our life, like a metaphorical (and sometimes literal) facial expression. Moses' glow revealed that he'd spent time with God, and the same can be true of us.
- Sometimes our life expressions reveal things we'd rather not let out, such as jealousy, anger, disappointment, and frustration.

*Do you think it is appropriate or inappropriate to cover up God in your life to make other people more comfortable? Why?*

*Have you ever felt like someone "stole your glow?" If so, how?*

- We all have difficult people in our lives, and at times it can feel like someone is able to "steal your glow." The truth is they can't, but you can give it up by putting your eyes on them or your feelings versus the Lord.
- We wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers in heavenly places.

## THE WORLD'S STORY

*How have you lost or gained friends in the world because of your relationship with God?*

- "And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life" (Matthew 19:29).

*In what way did God reassure you that a life in the light was better than in the darkness?*

- Heaven isn't a place for those who don't want to go to hell; it's a realm for those who have received the love and holiness of God via Jesus.

*How have others encouraged or thanked you for being a light to them?*

## PRAYER

(Lead your group in corporate prayer)

*What shall I return to the Lord  
for all his goodness to me?*

*I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord.  
I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.*

*Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful servants.  
Truly I am your servant, Lord;  
I serve you just as my mother did;  
you have freed me from my chains.*

*I will sacrifice a thank offering to you  
and call on the name of the Lord.*

*I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord—  
in your midst, Jerusalem.*

*Praise the Lord.*

(Psalm 116:12-19)

## WEEKLY PRACTICE

(Read the weekly practice out loud, and challenge your group to practice *missio* beyond today.)

You may have heard a children's song called "This Little Light of Mine" that's often sung in churches. It's a simple tune, but talks about letting the light of God shine. Think about the following as you go about your daily life this week:

- Is my speech full of light or darkness about who Jesus is to me?  
Example: Am I hurting my credibility by laughing at or telling the wrong kind of jokes?
- Are my actions shining a light into the darkness?  
Example: When someone makes me mad, do you react I out of anger?
- Am I intentionally seeking the presence of God, and trying to bring others into His presence with me?  
Example: Do I make the most of opportunities to actually invite people to Jesus versus merely letting them know I believe in Him or go to church?
- When was the last time I felt the "glow" of God's presence in my life?

The "glow" of God isn't a spiritual high but an affirmation of faithfulness. Be encouraged to seek Him and His presence constantly. Be a light to all around you.

## BECOMING MY STORY

(Encourage the group to spend time this week in God's Word, allowing it to penetrate their heart and life.)

*Psalm 4*

*Matthew 17*

Spend time this week reading and journaling through the above scriptures. In the context of Exodus 34, consider the following questions:

*What does it mean for me to spend genuine time with God today?*

*What is the real point of me spending time with God anyway?*

Consider other passages you might know related to Exodus 34 and read them this week, journaling as you go.