



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

Module 3: Exodus

Communal Experience: Shine the Light!

EXPERIENCE DESCRIPTION

This module focused in on Exodus. We saw how God worked through the life of Moses to lead His people out of bondage and toward the Promised Land. During the life of Moses we can see the ways in which God's hand was on Moses every step of the way. Even when Moses felt inadequate, God gave Moses the guidance and strength needed to accomplish God's plan for His people. God's plan was to lead His people out of oppression.

Each time Moses met with God his face showed the glory of God. His face was shining because "he had spoken with the Lord." This overflow of the presence of God saturated Moses' body and showed through him as a source of light. The light gave the people a glimpse of God's glory and power. The people were beginning to understand that being in His presence is powerful and amazing.

1 John 1:5 says that "this is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all." If we are Christ-followers, living each day by the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, we will shine with God's light.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). We have the light of life and are called to be the light in the darkness of the world.

This communal experience will help group members let their light shine.

EXPERIENCE DIRECTIONS

Prior to your group meeting, secure enough glow sticks for everyone in your group. As people enter the room, give each person a glow stick with instructions not to light it. Begin your group time by turning off the lights. In the darkness, read John 8:12. Share with your group that we are to shine the light of Christ in the world. Ask each person to think about one thing that they could do this week to let the light of Christ shine in their life. Allow for a time of reflection. Then, invite those who have thought of something to light their glow stick and share their one thing. Continue this until everyone who would like to has had an opportunity to share. Also, take time to talk about ways your group can be a beacon of light in your community. Using only the light of the glow sticks, close by praying together for God's strength to enable your faith community to be His light in the world.

At the following week's gathering, ask for volunteers to share what they experienced by being the light of Christ in their world.