



## FACILITATOR'S GUIDE—YOUTH

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

*Module 3—Exodus*

*Lesson 3: Moses and the Burning Bush—Exodus 3*

### ENCOUNTER 1—Community Discussion

Read Exodus 3 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**

*What was the advantage of Moses growing up in Egypt?*

- Moses would have experienced, in his Egyptian household, a greater base of education and culture than he would have likely had in his Hebrew home.

*Why do you think God allowed Moses to live in the desert for 40 years?*

- Throughout this time, it's likely that the heat died down from Moses' murderous actions in Egypt. When he returned, he did so as someone who could have a second chance with a new mission.
- Moses was personally in the desert for 40 years, then led the Egyptians for 40 years. God seemed to train him for the task ahead without Moses even knowing it.

#### **OUR STORY**

*What are the abilities you have you think God could use?*

- There are things we're good at but don't enjoy doing, things we enjoy doing but aren't good at, and things we're good at and enjoy doing.

*What is something God might ask you to do that you'd try to argue with Him on because you don't think you could do it?*

- "Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me' (Matthew 16:24).

## OTHERS' STORY

### ***How have others encouraged or discouraged you when you've followed God in your life?***

- When you have a question about God's will for your life, the first person you talk to shouldn't be a human being but God himself.

### ***How have you encouraged or discouraged others in their walk with God?***

- "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen" (Ephesians 4:29).

## THE WORLD'S STORY

### ***What do you expect out of your leaders?***

- "Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock" (1 Peter 5:2-3).

### ***How has the world's expectations of those in Christian ministry affected your willingness to take part in it?***

- Although there are people in the Bible who serve as great examples to our relationship with God, we're to emulate their faith and not their lives. The same is true of others around us today, for we shouldn't compare how we would handle something like someone else would but step into the gaps that God has given us to fill.

## PRAYER

(Lead your group in corporate prayer)

*I will exalt you, my God the King;  
I will praise your name for ever and ever.  
Every day I will praise you  
and extol your name for ever and ever.*

*Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;  
his greatness no one can fathom.  
One generation commends your works to another;  
they tell of your mighty acts.  
They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—  
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.  
They tell of the power of your awesome works—  
and I will proclaim your great deeds.  
They celebrate your abundant goodness  
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.*

*The Lord is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and rich in love.*

*The Lord is good to all;  
he has compassion on all he has made.  
All your works praise you, Lord;  
your faithful people extol you.  
They tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your might,*

*so that all people may know of your mighty acts  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.  
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures through all generations.*

*The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises  
and faithful in all he does.  
The Lord upholds all who fall  
and lifts up all who are bowed down.  
The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food at the proper time.  
You open your hand  
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.*

*The Lord is righteous in all his ways  
and faithful in all he does.  
The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.  
He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;  
he hears their cry and saves them.  
The Lord watches over all who love him,  
but all the wicked he will destroy.*

*My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.  
Let every creature praise his holy name  
for ever and ever.*

(Psalm 145)

## WEEKLY PRACTICE

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

We can sometime realign the foundation of our life by realigning the foundation of each day. Begin each day of this week by asking for God's direction in your life:

- Share a short prayer inviting Him to speak to you.
- Pause and listen for anything He may draw your mind toward.
- Talk with at least one other Christian each day about how they feel God has spoken to them in the past.
- Ask God again at some point in your day to use even your weaknesses and flaws to minister to others.

God made you for a unique purpose. Let's see how He intends to use you!

## BECOMING MY STORY

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

*Jeremiah 1*

*Acts 9*

Spend time this week reading and journaling through the above scriptures. In the context of Exodus 3, consider the following questions:

*How many burning bushes did you walk by today?*

*Where are you currently arguing with God over something He's said you're capable of?*

Consider other passages you might know related to Exodus 3 and read them this week, journaling as you go.