

Ice Breaker (in groups of 2 or 3 for larger groups)

What is a place (either from Childhood or current) that brings you joy or peace? Why?

Talk About it!

Part 1

Exodus 3:1–3 NLT

One day Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro,^[a] the priest of Midian. He led the flock far into the wilderness and came to Sinai, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it didn't burn up. 3 "This is amazing," Moses said to himself. "Why isn't that bush burning up? I must go see it."

Discuss:

- A. How do you think you would respond if God showed up to you like he did to Moses?
- B. What do you think about Moses' reaction to the burning bush?

Part 2

Exodus 3:4–6 NLT

4 When the Lord saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, "Moses! Moses!"
"Here I am!" Moses replied.
5 "Do not come any closer," the Lord warned. "Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground. 6 I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." When Moses heard this, he covered his face because he was afraid to look at God.

Discuss:

- A. What do you pick up on in this Encounter Moses has with God?
- B. What can we learn about God from this interaction?
- C. How can it affect how you experience Him?

Part 3

1 Corinthians 1:26–29 NLT

26 Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. 27 Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. 28 God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. 29 As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.

Discuss:

Moses protests to God in Exodus 3:11-12.

What are some of the ways that we disqualify ourselves from God's purpose for our lives?

Part 4

Exodus 3:12 NLT

12 God answered, "I will be with you. And this is your sign that I am the one who has sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God at this very mountain."

Discuss:

- A. What does God's response to Moses' protest tell you about God?
- B. Why do you think God responds with "I will be with you" instead of addressing Moses' insecurities?

Part 5

Exodus 3:13–15 NLT

13 But Moses protested, "If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they will ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what should I tell them?"

14 God replied to Moses, "I am who I am.^[d] Say this to the people of Israel: I am has sent me to you." 15 God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: Yahweh,^[e] the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.

This is my eternal name,
my name to remember for all generations.

Discuss:

- A. What stands out to you about God's Name?
- B. What does "I am who I am" mean to you ?
- C. How can it change the way we relate with God?