



God Reveals Himself

Text: Exodus 3:1-10

Key Verse: 3:6

Next Week: Exodus 3:11-4:17

OPEN

For this new message series on the Book of Exodus, we are looking at just the first 15 chapters of Exodus' larger story – the story of God saving the Israelites from being enslaved in Egypt, bringing them to a place in chapter 15 of song in giving God praise for His miraculous rescue. While Exodus shows us a lot about Moses and the Israelites, this message series is really a character study about God himself – His nature and his ways, and how the 'exodus' event helps better understand the Gospel and Jesus.

Last week, we ended examining chapters 1-2 by seeing that 'God Sees' us and always remembers us – no matter how it may look. This week in chapter 3, we see through the call of Moses that God's call upon our lives to be saved and then to serve Him graciously first begins with 'God Revealing' Himself. In this text, we see God introduce and reveal Himself to Moses in four ways, as the God who 1) is over Creation, 2) is Holy, 3) is Generational, and 4) Intimately Speaks. These are the ways God also wants you to know Him. God's call upon our lives begins with first seeing who He is and never losing sight of Him.

REFLECT

- Around the circle, read aloud together Exodus 3:1-10 and make a mental note of what stands out to you most in these verses to share and reflect on with one another.
- Reflect on the circumstances God chose to use to reveal Himself to Moses. For example, where, when, how, what? List the various aspects of Moses' encounter with God.
- What are the various responses of Moses in the text?
- Beyond God wanting to reveal Himself to Moses, what does the text say about what God is concerned about and what is God's intention?

DISCUSS

- In our text, there is what theologians call a 'theophany' – an event where God reveals or manifests His presence in a supernatural way. Have you had a supernatural experience of God's presence in some way? If so, share.
- The burning bush was a miraculous event where God's activity superseded 'natural' norms. While seemingly rare, do you believe miracles still happen today? What are your thoughts?
- Which of the four ways God revealed Himself to Moses in this text (Creation, Holiness, Generational, Intimate Speaking) speaks most personally to you in this season of your life and journey? Which do you relate to most in terms of connecting with God right now?
- In the sermon, two aspects of God's calling upon our lives were talked about: 1) the call to salvation, and then 2) the call to serve or witness. How do you think the two relate? In your opinion, do most believers take up both calls or just the first? What are some ways we can encourage one another to also take up the second?
- Do you ever think God reveals Himself simply for the sake of revealing Himself? Or always with a plan of action? For example, God reveals Himself to Moses in order to call Moses into His plan to rescue the Israelites – it was for a purpose.

APPLY/PRAY

Together, Give God Praise for Who He is.

As a group, make time to pray together, starting by giving God praise for who He is, as He has revealed Himself – God of creation, Holy, Faithful to every generation, and full of compassion.

Together, Ask for God's Help to Live Holy as He is Holy

Ask God for a new desire for personal holiness in reverence of Him.

Together, Invite the Holy Spirit to Activate His Call

Ask for the anointing of the Holy Spirit to come upon you to further fulfill God's call upon your life to be a witness of Jesus and to serve Him.

