

MEETING GOD ON THE MOUNTAIN (Part 3)

Second Helping Discussion Guide

Mt. Horeb - Exodus 3:1-12 (NIV)

ICEBREAKER (Choose One)

Option 1:

Have you ever missed a call or text from someone important and later thought, *"How did I not notice that?"* What happened?

Option 2:

If God were trying to get your attention today, what would be the most effective "burning bush" He could use in your life?

BRIEF RECAP OF THE MESSAGE

In Exodus 3, Moses is living a quiet, obscure life as a shepherd when God interrupts his ordinary day through a burning bush. Moses discovers something holy: **God is alive, personal, and speaking.**

God calls Moses by name, reveals His holiness, and gives Moses an assignment far bigger than Moses feels capable of fulfilling.

The message reminded us that God still speaks today—through **His Word, sermons, people, circumstances, and the quiet leading of the Holy Spirit.** The problem is not that God is silent, but that we are often too distracted or too busy to listen. Burning bush moments are rare, but when they happen they often involve a divine assignment that requires faith and surrender.

God's response to Moses' insecurity was not to boost Moses' confidence, but to give Moses a promise:

"I will be with you." (Exodus 3:12)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (6)

1. Moses was doing something ordinary when God showed up.

Question:

Where are you most likely to miss God speaking to you—because you're stuck in routine or distracted by life?

Leader Prompts / Helps:

- "What part of your week is so automatic you barely think?"

- “When do you feel spiritually numb?”
- “Is it work, news, phone, worry, busyness, exhaustion?”

Key Thought: God often speaks in ordinary places before He ever sends us into extraordinary ones.

2. Moses noticed something unusual and *turned aside* to look.

Question:

What are the “small signals” God might be using in your life right now that you keep walking past?

Leader Prompts / Helps:

- A recurring thought you can’t shake
- A burden for a person or ministry
- A repeated scripture that keeps resurfacing
- An open door or a closed door
- A persistent sense of conviction

Scripture Tie-In (NIV):

“When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him...” (Exodus 3:4)

Key Thought: God spoke after Moses turned aside.

3. God told Moses, “Take off your sandals... holy ground.”

Question:

What does it look like for you to treat God’s presence as *holy* in your daily life instead of casual?

Leader Prompts / Helps:

- Do you approach worship casually or reverently?
- Is prayer rushed and distracted?
- Do you only seek God in emergencies?
- Are there habits that dull your awareness of holiness?

Deep Heart Angle:

Sometimes we want God’s guidance without wanting God’s holiness.

4. The sermon said: *God is speaking, but we aren’t always listening.*

Question:

What are the loudest “competing voices” in your life right now that drown out God?

Leader Prompts / Helps:

- Media/news obsession
- Social media comparison
- Politics
- Fear and anxiety
- Personal ambition
- People-pleasing
- Past trauma or regret

Follow-up question:

What practical step could you take this week to quiet those voices?

5. Burning bush moments often come with divine assignments.**Question:**

If God gave you an assignment today that was bigger than you, what would it likely be?

Leader Prompts / Helps:

- Reconciling a broken relationship
- Starting a ministry / serving in a new way
- Sharing your faith with someone
- Leading your family spiritually
- Taking a step of obedience you’ve delayed
- Forgiving someone
- Trusting God financially

Key Thought: God’s call is usually beyond our comfort zone.

6. Moses said, “Who am I?” and God replied, “I will be with you.”**Question:**

Where do you most relate to Moses—feeling unqualified, insecure, or afraid—and what would it look like to trust God’s presence more than your ability?

Leader Prompts / Helps:

- “Where do you feel like a fraud?”
- “What have you been avoiding because you feel inadequate?”
- “What’s the difference between humility and unbelief?”

Scripture Tie-In (NIV):

“And God said, ‘I will be with you.’” (Exodus 3:12)

Leader Note: This is a powerful moment to pause and pray for one another.

CLOSING CHALLENGE (Read Aloud)

This week, don’t ask, “*God, what do You want me to do?*” until you’re willing to first ask,

“God, what do You want me to hear?”

God is still speaking. The question is whether we are listening. So take time this week to quiet the noise, open the Word, and invite God to interrupt your routine. And if God calls you toward something bigger than you, don’t be surprised. He rarely calls the qualified—He qualifies the called.

Just like Moses, the promise is not that you will be enough... but that **God will be with you.**

OPTIONAL GROUP PRAYER MOMENT (Highly Recommended)

Have each person answer briefly:

“God, what might You be trying to say to me right now?”

Then pray in simple sentence prayers, asking God for listening hearts and courage to obey.