

Growth Group Leader Guide

This “growth group leader guide” is meant to be just that, a guide. Please feel free as the leader of your group to add questions or comments as you feel necessary to fit your group’s dynamics.

Also, don’t feel pressured to cover every question.

Exodus 3:1-15

- What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
- What is Scripture? Take some time as a group and discuss this question.
- What truths does scripture reveal that we would not know without it?
- What do you mean when you say, “I am getting to know someone?”
- How does using a person’s name in a conversation show intimacy?

Read Exodus 3:1-6

- How is it obvious that the burning bush was a supernatural event? Why do you think God revealed himself to Moses in this way?
- In verse 4 God repeated Moses’ name twice. Why do you think he did that? How does this show a level of intimacy?
- Why do you think God revealed himself as “the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob” in Exodus 3:6? Read Hebrews 11:8-16 to help answer this question.
- In Exodus 3:6 why did Moses hide his face from God? What does this tell us about God and Moses?
- **Read Exodus 33:11 & Exodus 33:20.** How do you reconcile these two verses? Read Genesis 32:24-30 for further discussion.
 - **Leaders Cheat:** There is not a particular answer I am looking for, just a chance for discussion as a group.

Read Exodus 3:7-15

- What is confronting about Exodus 3:7?
- Why do you think Moses anticipates the question “what is his name” in Exodus 3:13?
- Discuss God’s response to Moses in Exodus 3:14-15. What are some common beliefs behind the meaning of the name “Yahweh” or “I am?”
- How does this name show the “self-sufficiency” of God?
- How does God’s response in Exodus 3:14-15 point the reader forward to what God is about to do?
- Why is it a privilege to know God’s name?

Exodus 33-34

- How did Israel sin in Exodus 32? Read the following verses to help answer this question.
 - Exodus 32:3-4
 - Exodus 32:6
- What was God’s punishment on the Israelites? Read Exodus 33:1-3 to help answer this question.
- What was the response of the Israelites in Exodus 33:4? How is this response surprising? Why is it appropriate?
- **Read Exodus 33:12-13.** What is Moses asking in Exodus 33:13? How does this request of Moses relate back to Exodus 3:13 and the question Moses anticipated the Israelites asking?
- **Read Exodus 33:17-19.** As a group compare and contrast God’s response in Exodus 33:19 with the response of God in Exodus 3:13-15.
- **Read Exodus 34:6-7.** What is significant about these verses? What do they reveal about God’s character? Read the following verses to help answer this question.
 - Numbers 14:18
 - Jeremiah 32:18
 - Joel 2:13
 - Nahum 1:3
 - Jonah 4:2
 - Isaiah 48:9

- Nehemiah 9:17
 - Psalm 86:15
 - Psalm 103:8
 - Psalm 145:8
 - Psalm 51:1-2
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- **Read Exodus 34:8-9.** Why was this an appropriate response from Moses?