

From Slavery to Freedom

Exodus study guide #3

Exodus 3 – lead up to Oct 21st

Digging into Exodus 3

1. Keeping in mind the slavery context of Exodus (see ch.1), read Exodus ch.3 as a group and then share your initial observations & responses.
 - What verses, moments or experiences catch our attention?
 - What parts surprise us, challenge us, encourage us, or provoke questions?
2. Read again slowly through vs.1-6 and talk through the details of this scene (what happens, who initiates, who responds, and how).
 - Have we ever found ourselves on holy ground - needing to take off our shoes? Explain.
 - What has God done or used in our lives to reveal His Holiness to us?
3. Read vs.7-10 again together. Notice all the "I" statements. Each one says something about what God is like.
 - So, according to God's revelation in these verses, what is God like?
 - When you listen to the world's ideas (and other religions ideas) about God, what kind of God is described?
 - How does the revelation of God in Exodus 3 differ from these – and what difference does this make?
 - Imagine you had three sentences in which to explain who God is to someone. Basing your answer on the Exodus 3, what would you say?

→ **closer to home:** Think again about how God is revealed in Exodus 3.

- Do we know God in these ways? *As a God who sees our misery, hears our cries, is concerned about our suffering, and who acts to rescue us?*
 - Or not? Explain.

WRAP UP: As a church, we often sing songs that celebrate God's Name (i.e. "What a Beautiful Name"). To speak of God's Name is to refer to His character and nature. What aspects of God's Name are most beautiful to you in this season of your journey?

PRAY: *Take a few minutes to pray together into the things you've discussed about God and His Name. Pray for one another and our church to know and reveal God's beautiful Name.*