NOTES & QUOTES

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Be the Bush
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CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. Share about a humorous time when you have been mistaken for someone else or had assumptions made about you based on outward appearance.

2. In what unusual ways has God shown up in your life? Have you ever heard from Him in an unexpected or curious way?

THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

3. Read Exodus 3:18. What stands out to you about this encounter between God and Moses? What elements of the story pull you in?

4. Think through the description of the burning bush. Try to visualize it. How would you have responded if you were in Moses' sandals? What would you have been thinking? Feeling?

5. What do you think is the significance of God introducing himself as "the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob"? What do each of those people tell us about the nature of God and how he interacts with his people?

6. Exodus 3:4 says that "when the Lord saw he had caught Moses' attention, he called to him from the bush." In what ways has God caught your attention in the past? What can we learn about God from this exchange or our own personal examples?

7. Being in the bush is hard. It is uncomfortable and challenging, but yet it can be used to bring others to God. How have you seen or experienced God using you in this way? Think back through some of the challenges and hardships you've faced, how can those experiences be used to help others find a relationship with God?

COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

8. In his book Chasing Daylight, Erwin McManus says this: "When we offer ourselves as instruments for God's purpose, we create opportunities for others to experience God through us. We become living lightning rods of God's activity. Our lives become the X that marks the spot. Our obedience creates a spiritual epicenter through which God shakes up the world around us and others come to know Him."

   Where has God planted you so you can be used to draw others to Him?

9. Are there aspects of your life (attitudes, habits, temperament, etc.) that distract people from seeing how God is working in and through you? What things might you need to let go of to enable you to shine more brightly?

10. Moses could have walked right by the bush and missed this encounter. How can we attune ourselves to better notice God, even when he shows up unexpectedly?

Pause, Ponder, and Pray

"We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed, perplexed, but not in despair, persecuted but not abandoned, struck down, but not destroyed."
2 Corinthians 4:7-9