

Dig Deeper @Home – Exodus 3 & 4

Complement to sermon on February 21

MEMORIZE

“Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.” (Exodus 40: 34-35)

READ

Read Exodus 3 & 4

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. Recall an event in your life when you felt like you were “standing on holy ground.” What was sacred about that moment? How did that event affect your relationship with God? With others?
2. What does God ask Moses to do for Israel? (3:7-10) Why? How does Moses respond? (vv 11ff)
3. What reassurances does God give him? Read verses 13-15. What is the importance of the expression “I AM Who I AM?”
4. For further study, turn to the Gospel of John and read the following verses in which Jesus says “I AM”. (John 6:35; 8:12; 10:9,11; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1). Which of these names speaks most powerfully to you today in your current situation and need?
5. In chapter 4, Moses puts up arguments as to why he cannot do what God is asking him to do. What is God’s response to Moses’ objections?
6. Consider verse 11. How has God exercised his power over your weaknesses? What concerns do you still have about doing God’s will or following his lead? What do you hear God saying to you about your excuses?

7. What are these two chapters revealing about God and what are they revealing about us as humans?

8. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?

Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The below is one suggestion for how to experience the truths of Exodus 3 -4. **Feel free to use this one or any you might come up with.**

TAKE OFF YOUR SANDALS - Supplies: card stock, pencil, chenille stems (pipe cleaners), crayons or markers, scissors, decorative stickers, paper punch

Say: In Moses' time, people wore sandals. Let's make sandals to help us remember our Bible story.

- Invite each person to stand on a piece of cardstock, wearing shoes, as you trace around one of his or her feet.
- Then have each person cut around the traced feet on the paper.
- Punch a hole in the top of each sandal, and a hole on each side of the sandal.
- For each sandal, insert one chenille stem (pipe cleaner) up through the top hole and down through one side hole and a second chenille stem up through the top hole and down through the opposite side hole.
- Twist the chenille stems together on the back of each sandal.
- Have each person decorate their sandals with crayons, markers, or stickers.

Say: God told Moses to take off his shoes because he was standing on holy ground. The ground was holy because God was there. When we are in God's presence, we are on holy ground.

SING (One way we can come into God's presence is through worship. Use these or any song you might want to sing to enter into God's presence through worshipping Him)

This is Holy Ground <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pS2Okrq2QU0>

A worship song that reminds us of God's holy presence as we come to Him.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vrg7jQ5lc8c>

Mennonite Hymnal #5: As you sing this hymn think of the holiness and greatness of God.

PRAY This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and praise reports. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to show up in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your presence with us even when we feel alone and in the "wilderness" of life. In your presence is holy ground and so we offer our lives to you for this day and wait to see what your presence can and will make of us for your glory. In Christ we pray, Amen.