

Sermon: Our God Who Makes Himself Known.
Series: Exodus: From Slavery to Glory.

Scripture: Exodus 3.
Date: September 18, 2022

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) Why is it so important to have an accurate understanding of God?
- b) God is holy. He is both transcendent (far above us) and imminent (close to us)? How does the burning bush show both of these? Why is it so important that God be both?

2. What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) Has God's timing in your life ever seemed strange? Can you share an example of this?
- b) Where in your life are you trying to gain control? Where have you felt insecure or insufficient? How can God's self-sufficiency free you from these negative feelings? How does God's sovereignty as the I Am take the pressure off of you to control your life?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) God reveals himself as the great I Am (Yahweh). He is self-existent and self-sufficient. Read John 8:23-24. Why is it so important that Jesus calls himself the "I Am?" Do we have to believe that Jesus is Yahweh in order to be saved? Explain your answer.
- b) In what ways is the cross like the burning bush? How does it reveal God's transcendence and his imminence?

APPLICATION

- a) Are you waiting on God today like Moses was in the wilderness? How can you be faithful in your waiting? How can you be a "burning bush" for others to see God's holiness? Be specific.
- b) Jesus is the I Am, not us. But in Christ we are who he says we are. Can you fill in these blanks as a statement of faith in Christ?

I am not _____, but in Christ I am _____.

FIGHTER VERSES: Exodus 2:23-25.

PRAYER

- Thank God that he is our holy, self-existent, self-sufficient God.
- Confess ways that you insecure or insufficient.
- Thank Jesus for being the I Am that "burned" by God's holiness in our place.
- Ask God to help you to trust his timing and to be a "burning bush" in our waiting.