



Discussion Guide
Encounters — Part 2
PARTICIPANT GUIDE

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In Encounters, we'll look at ordinary people in Scripture whose lives were changed by a direct encounter with the presence of God. As we lean into the vision of Coram Deo—living before the face of God—we'll discover that God's presence is not meant to be an occasional experience, but the defining reality that shapes every part of our lives.

NEED A RESOURCE, HAVE A QUESTION, OR WANT TO HAVE A CONVERSATION?
Let us know how we can help! Contact your groups director or discipleship@rockbridge.cc

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**"Earth 's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God:
But only he who sees takes off his shoes. "**
[Elizabeth Barrett Browning]

ENGAGE & CONNECT ||

Which is the most iconic Exodus adaptation? Prince of Egypt? 10 Commandments?

BEGIN WITH PRAYER ||

Lord, help us to want You more. Help us to want Your presence, to want to know You. Bring us one step closer to You today.

MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE ||

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."
[Joshua 1:9]

BIG IDEA ||

The presence of God transforms places of shame to places where we are with God, robbing shame of its power.

PASSAGE & DISCUSSION ||

Exodus 2:22-3:12

1. How capable is Moses of delivering Israel?
2. Look through the passage at the word "see" and its related words. What do you notice?

3. Verses 24 and 25 are incredible—God heard. God remembered His covenant (He did not forget). God saw. God knew. What have you thought that God didn't notice?
4. Why couldn't Moses get any closer to the bush?
5. If you've felt or experienced the manifest presence of God, can you describe that encounter?
6. The wilderness was where Moses' shame had driven him. Where does shame drive you?
7. What moment of this story resonates with you the most?
8. What has the Lord been showing you lately?
9. What do you need to turn aside from so you can get a closer look at what God is doing?

STEP OF OBEDIENCE ||

Something has to happen for us to be able to **stay in the presence of God**.

As you consider your next step, reflect on: 1) Where have you been looking lately? Does shame turn your gaze downward? 2) How can you turn your spiritual eyes to looking up?

PRAYER FOCUS ||

"Lord, send reminders through the week to turn our gaze toward You. We want to see Jesus. We want to run toward Jesus. Capture our attention and help us become ready to be in Your presence. Amen."