

7. Read Acts 1:4-9. These are Jesus' final words to the disciples before ascending to heaven. What promise does Jesus give in this passage?

8. What are we to be doing once the Holy Spirit comes upon us?

9. What does it mean to be a witness?

10. Pray that God will give you a profound experience of His presence in your life so that you can be a witness to His great love, grace and truth.



## *Exodus 3:1-4:17*

### *Day 1*

1. Read Exodus 3:1-4:17 and
  - a. Identify who is in this passage.
  - b. Observe what is taking place by writing notes in the margin.
  - c. Observe where the events are taking place.
  - d. Using a colored pencil or pen, mark repeated words using a similar color or mark.
  - e. Mark the words "I will" , "he will" and "they will".
  - E. Circle the word "but" and note what is being contrasted.
  - F. Write any questions that come to mind in the margins.

### *Day 2*

2. Focus today on verses 3:1-6. Record the list of events in order.
  - A. Who appeared?
  
  - B. Moses looked and what did he see?
  
  - C. Moses said...
  
  - D. After Moses turned, what did God speak?
  
  - E. Moses hid because...
  
3. The Lord initiated this meeting with Moses by appearing to him in a flame. The Lord also initiated a meeting with Samuel. Read 1 Samuel 3:1-14 and compare how the Lord initiates in both situations. Also, compare how Samuel and Moses both respond.

4. Moses was attentive enough to notice the bush was burning, but not being consumed. As you go through your day, are you attentive to what is happening around you? Are your eyes open to what is taking place around you or do your eyes feed off of visual media, written forms of entertainment or maybe even lusting after things you desire? If Moses focused on the same things you focus on, would he have noticed the uniqueness of this bush?

5. Moses saw the bush and he turned aside to see the great sight. Samuel heard the calling of his name so he got up and ran to Eli. In both situations, they noticed and responded with movement. Where are you in your ways of responding to the Lord appearing and/or calling your name? Do you act upon it?

### Day 3

1. Reread Exodus 3:7-4:17.
  - A. Circle of all Moses' responses for why he should not be the person God uses.
  - B. Underline God's response back to Moses.
2. Reread each one of Moses' excuses to the Lord. For each excuse that your circled, summarize his response in one word. *You should have a list of five different words.*

3. Think back over your life with Christ. How many of these excuses have you presented to God, yourself and/or others so that you could talk yourself out of doing what God has asked you to do?

4. Now for each excuse word you listed in number two, record God's response to Moses.

5. It seems like God was willing to work with Moses by encouraging him to trust that God would help him. However, God's response to Moses simply saying, "Lord, please send someone else." erupted an anger inside the Lord. How often are you simply saying to the Lord, "Sorry, I am unwilling, please send someone else?"

6. It is common in today's American society to simply blame others so we feel better about ourselves. We spill coffee on ourselves that burns the skin, and we blame McDonalds for making the coffee too hot. We choose not to turn in our classwork, and we blame the teacher for not giving us a better grade. We walk away from a bank with extra cash in our hand, and we blame the bank teller for not being careful enough on the job. This is rampant thinking every where we turn. Because this is the example we see everywhere we turn, we need to be careful about adopting this subconscious way of reacting to the world. It is easy to make non-Christians the blame for why we are not willing to be sent. However, we need to keep fresh in our mind that Moses' response to send someone else, stirred up anger in the Lord.