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Invitation to Become

Exodus 3:1-15 | Session 8.48

Before the Session

Facilitator: In advance of the session

- Review today's scripture text and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.
- Thoroughly review the resource referenced in the Closure section to be able to call the group's attention to what you believe to be its key parts.
- Have the Bible Background Video ready to view.
- Encourage your group to listen to the Faithelement podcast ahead of the next session (Share the link via email or social media)
- Find web links for underlined items on this session's webpage at faithelement.net.

Context

Share together the video at the [Remembering the Birmingham Church Bombing site](#) (Note: Since this is a commercial site, the video will stream a brief commercial before beginning. You might want to stream past that before the start of your session.) and ask:

- What most stood out to you about this video and why?
- How does it make you feel when you hear stories about such things happening in the world?
- What does this video suggest about society in the days this event took place and what, if anything, has changed?
- The video suggests that this event caused people to "get off the fence." What do you think the speaker meant by that and to what degree is the "fence" to which he refers still there?
- At what points have some other dramatic events shaped our society?

Content

Read [Exodus 3:1-15](#), then watch the Bible Background Video.

Ask questions like these:

- Why do you think God chose a burning bush to get Moses' attention?
- Why did the narrators feel both a need to point out that the ground was holy, and that removing one's footwear was the appropriate reaction to entering such a place?
- The scripture tells us that God made an appearance in this way as a response to the cries of people who were oppressed. What do you know of this oppression and what do you think God is proposing to change?
- Given the context of the conversation Moses and God were having, why do you think Moses seemed so reluctant?
- How do you feel about the notion that God is a God who is always growing with us, as Nikki seems to suggest, and why?

Closure

Share together the "[Google Wrestles With Aftermath...](#)" video and ask:

- What had you heard of this story before now and what did you think about it?
- Assuming that this event has showcased questions about discrimination, in what way has it done so and what might come of it?
- In what ways could an event like this have the capacity to be a sort of "turning point" in our society?
- What has changed in our society over that could cause modern events to have such a capacity to be "turning points" in a different way from past events?
- Given the number of potential "turning points" people cite these days, how does one discern when God might be intervening versus when people are just getting the attention they seek for their cause?
- What can we do to identify and respond to God's working on behalf of the oppressed?

Close in prayer.