

Small Group Material

God draws out: Exodus 3.1-22

Welcome When you see, hear or smell something strange going on, what do you do about it? Can you remember a time when you noticed something strange?

Worship Make a collection of 8 everyday objects from around the home. Lay them on a tray. Ask the Holy Spirit to remind you of aspects of God's character or of what he has done as you reflect on the items. For example, someone might say, 'The keys remind me that God knows everything. You can't lock things away and hide from him.' Or, 'The bank statement reminds me that God has cancelled every single one of my debts when Jesus died in my place.' Go round giving thanks and praise to God. You may want to listen to or join in singing 'God sent His Son (Because he lives)' (Don't let the first few croaks of song put you off!!) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ujUPAPQ5SZA>

Word

Read Exodus 3.1-22

v.1-6 If you had been Moses, what would *you* have thought about this event? What *is* the resulting effect on Moses?

v7-10. Why is Moses reluctant to go back to Egypt and do what God asks him? What reassurances does God give him, 11-16?

What have been 'burning bush' experiences (God's attention getters) in your life?

v16-22. Who is responsible for carrying out God's plan? What is the part played by God? by Moses? the elders of Israel? the King of Egypt?

What motivates God to save his people?

What has been God's call in your life?

What would it take to get your attention and commitment to accept a new commission in life?

Witness

Pray for each other to be open to a new call from God and the sensitivity to see God's hand in things. Pray for the youth and children's work in the church reaching out to families and young people in the community. Pray for Jonny, Catherine and Becca. Pray for the new staff, Toby and Gareth.

Here are a few prayer points...

from Catherine:

Development of the Nurture Room - funding for resources, team to come together, refurbishment of new room

St Mary's children who have been affected by parents' separation, domestic violence and loss over the summer

Two new projects: Full Circle (intergenerational) and Warrior Mums

from Becca

*that children in church would really engage and grow in their knowledge of and relationship with God this term as we go through a series on the whole Bible!

*for an increase in team members; especially for Minis and One Way

*that we can begin to build bridges between the midweek children's groups and the church family

from Jonny:

Young people starting Secondary School and Youth Groups - Oli, Sam, Iona and Tallulah

Those leaving youth and heading to university or gap years - Jenny and Tatiana
Opportunities in the secondary school to engage with young people, for the new head teacher to be on board with what we would like to do.

The youth groups starting back up, Ablaze, Spark and Impact as we build community and teach God's word

Encounter services this term, that young people would be excited by gathering to worship.

New faces at Remix this year along with the old familiar faces coming back.

Thank God for the great team of youth leaders who invest in our young people.