



Sermon-based Guide
Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Week of May 2
Divine Encounter

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-12

Sermon Themes

- Burning bush encounter between Moses and God
- God reaches out to Moses
- Moses is reluctant
- God calls Moses into his plan to intervene on behalf of the oppressed
- Assurance that God will be with him—Moses does not have to do this alone
- Application for all of us: listening to God, being used by God for the purposes of God, and knowing that it's not by our own power but by God's that we enter into this work

Questions

1. Moses says, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." What have you seen that could be described as a "great sight?" Is it or was it something like the bush that was doing something unexpected or even against its nature? Where was God in that encounter? Did it turn out to be holy ground?
2. How do you think Moses feels when God describes the misery of his people? What does that tell you about God and what is important to God?
3. How does Moses respond when God names Moses as the one to go to Egypt to bring out the Israelites? When have you made the connection between knowing God's desire to free the oppressed and feeling called to join in? What emotional responses were a part of that?
4. Moses goes from a contented life, with perhaps lowered expectations, to a life where he is called by God for the things of God and for the good of God's people. How do you read that into your life? Are you contented? Have you lowered the expectations for your life? Has God shown up to give you purpose? How have you responded to that call? How would you respond to God's call?