

Burning: Waking up to God in the Wilderness

SERMON NOTES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

I. Introduction

- a. Don't Let it Go to Waste
- b. Meeting us in our Brokenness

II. Learn from Moses' Mistakes

- a. We take charge before we are sent
- b. We retreat in the face of failure
- c. We resist God's call because of our failures and insecurities

III. Remember that God wants to be found

- a. One Day . . .
- b. But he does not overwhelm us . . .

IV. Do I have Divine Purpose?

- a. You don't have to have all the answers
- b. The World's Opinion Doesn't Matter
- c. Your weaknesses are not a barrier

V. Conclusion: Know what Qualifies you before God

- a. Never believe God is finished doing great things

Discussion Questions

Sharing Life Together

1. What is one of your greatest regrets?
2. When you think of Moses' story and your story, are there any places that seem similar? Where does Moses' story seem the most dissimilar from your life's story?

Reflecting on the Message Together

1. Read Exodus 3-4. What stands out to you from this passage?
2. If you were Moses, how do you think you would have felt about your life the morning before God called from the burning bush? Why?
3. Out of the 3 common mistakes that Moses exemplified, which one do you most identify with and how do you think this tendency has impacted your life?
4. Have you ever had some type of experience that was a little bit like Moses and the burning bush? If so, how did that experience impact your life and your relationship with God?
5. How would you help a fellow Christian who was afraid of sharing their faith in Jesus because they don't have all the answers? What counsel would you give?
6. What would you say to a new Christian who just got out of prison and felt called into full-time Christian ministry? Could God use someone like him to preach the gospel?

