GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Exodus 3: 1-6, 11-15

The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- · Have you ever met a famous person? What was that encounter like?
- Have everyone in your group share one thing they have learned about God in the last year or two.
- · How has God shown himself to you recently? Have you had any "encounters with God?" recently?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- Remember what you talked about last week. Anything you need to follow up on as a group?
- Review the notes you took on Sunday. What is one thing that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- Read Exodus 3:1-6. In his message, Pastor Pat walked us through what a true encounter with God is like.

A true encounter with God will...

1. Draw you...

- a. God has unique ways of drawing all people to Himself. What methods might God be using right now to draw you to Him?
- b. Pastor Pat said that "the only thing worse than no vision of God is a blurry vision of God." In what ways might your vision of God be blurry? How do we know if our views of God are correct?
- c. Pastor Pat defined holiness as "adjusting yourself to God." What deviations do you need to make from your current path to adjust your actions or thoughts to His standard? Would anyone be willing to share a time God used His Word, a message, an encouragement from a friend or some experience to cause you to "adjust to God" by making a change?

2. Call you...

- a. In Exodus 3:4, God calls Moses and he responds, "Here I am!" Have you responded to God in this way? Are you "at God's service?"
- b. Pastor Pat referenced Romans 8:28-10, saying that God calls us before time began and drew us to Himself. How does the thought that God draws us in spite of our sin change the way we live day to day?
- c. John 6:44 says, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws (lit. drags) him." Do you see God's love as irresistible?

3. Awe you...

- a. How do you see the Lord? Spend a moment as a group, listing some of the characteristics of God? Do these characteristics cause you to be in awe of God, or are they just empty facts?
- b. When Moses realized who he was talking to, he hid his face and was reluctant to even look upon the bush. God's holiness reveals our sinfulness. How has God's holiness caused you to clean house? (lives, hearts, attitudes).

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that God would give you a fresh encounter with Him this week.
- Pray that God would give us clear vision to understand who he is, and who we are.

