



Leader's Guide

fire

something that can both be
rekindled and spread rapidly.
easily passed and powerful.

Before beginning the Fire Study with your group, please be sure to check out:

<https://faithpromise.org/fire>

Here you will find...

- 1.) a vision casting video for Fire Study Group Leaders from Pastor Kyle Wall*
- 2.) a digital copy of the Fire study for participants
- 3.) a digital copy of the Fire study Leaders' guide
- 4.) the Session 1 and Session 6 videos for group meetings

**- Please watch Pastor Kyle's vision casting video before the first meeting. And if you still have questions or need help email your coach or Campus Group Pastor.*

We pray you and everyone in your group is never the same after their encounter with God through the Fire Study and that the fire of the gospel spreads to the people where you live, work, study, shop, and play.

Thank you for loving, leading, and shepherding the people in your groups!

Session 1

Burning Bush Moments

Have you ever finished praying and thought---did God *really* hear me just now?

Have you ever finished reading your devotions and felt like there must be something more?

Be honest.

What are we hoping for when we read our Bibles or attend a group or whisper a prayer?

God, are You really present in my everyday life?

Moses is living in a place called Midian.

In Exodus 3, Moses is no longer living in Egypt.

Scripture tells us Moses was content.

He works as a shepherd, caring for his father in law's sheep. It's a quiet life, and one Moses seems pretty uninterested in leaving.

God wanted to welcome Moses into His presence and kindle a passion within Him to set people free. God had something more in store for him.

“Take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground. I am the God of your father — the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” -Exodus 3:5-6

All Moses has to do is say YES.

Moses of course has some questions. In fact, he's not even really sure who he's talking to. He asks the Lord,

“If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘the God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘what is His name?’ What shall I say to them? -Exodus 3:13

God responds, saying, “**Eyeh Asher Eyeh.**” Your Bible might signify this name by writing “the LORD” with each letter capitalized. We pronounce it as Yahweh and it means:

I Am Who I Am.

Session 1 – Burning Bush Moments

I will be Who I will be.

And the name is a covenant, letting Israel know that God is and will be the same “yesterday, and today, and forever,” (Hebrews 13:8)

God says to Moses, “I am the LORD. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name, the LORD, I did not make myself known to them.” -Exodus 6:2-3

God knows you and He wants to be known by you!

“Behold, these are but the outskirts of his ways, and how small a whisper do we hear of him! The thunder of his power, who can understand?” -Job 26:14

God wants more for your relationship with Him.

Throughout scripture, we see a number of people call God different names. Each and every one of them get their own burning bush moments – their own specific encounters with God.

Different names, all describing the same awesome God.

Abraham called Him El-Olam – the Eternal One, and El Shaddai – the Almighty God. (Genesis 21:33, Genesis 17:1)

Hagar called Him El Roi – the God who sees. (Genesis 16:13)

David called Him Adonai – the Sovereign One. (2 Samuel 7:20)

Elisha called Him Jehovah Sabaoth – the Lord of Hosts (2 Kings 6:17)

At Faith Promise, we want to help real people with real problems find the real love of Jesus. We want to introduce the world to a God Who is all those names and more.

But before we can do that, we don't just need to know what we are talking about, we need to know WHO we are talking about.

You can talk to God

Session 1 – Burning Bush Moments

Do you have conversations with Him? Have you ever asked Him to show you more about himself? What is holding you back?

In Exodus 2:23-24 we read that God heard the Israelites cries and groans.

And Peter tells us, “the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are attentive to their prayers.” -1 Peter 3:12

God loves you and likes you and wants to talk to you and partner with you.

The real question is, will you answer?

Session 1 – Burning Bush Moments Fire Starter Group Discussion

Take a few minutes to reflect and write down some of your own burning bush moments – times when you felt the presence of God and sensed Him challenging you to step out in faith.

If you are struggling to remember one. Think of a time you connected with God through a powerful song or church experience, or a time you were prayed over, or when God met a material need in a time you least expected it.

What are two words you would use to describe your relationship with God?

How have you viewed or approached prayer in the past? What steps do you need to take in prayer in light of this first session?

Session 1 – Burning Bush Moments Look Up and Look Forward

Make time to work through the Look Back, Look Up and Look Forward sections.

These are crucial!

Session 2

Spreading Fire

Session Focus:

Session Two seeks to explain the reality that we are all born separated from God by sin. However, God provided a way for us to be reunited with Him in relationship, through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Tip:

As people answer questions during group time, **DO NOT put words in their mouths assuming everyone in your group is a follower of Jesus!** Create space for the Holy Spirit to convict people who are lost of their lostness and need of a Savior.

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Session 3

Fire Working Within

Session Focus:

God has been at work in your life from before you were even born. He knows the difficulties and challenges of your life and He wants to redeem (*buy back*) them to bless people and bring glory to His Son in your future. Moses and David became great leaders because God prepared them for what He had for them. He is doing the same for you.

Tip:

We all need a perspective change as we look at our pasts and futures. We need to ask, “How could God have been at work in the difficulties and strong points of my past to prepare me for today and my future?”

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Session 4

Everyday Fires

Session Focus:

God desires to be in relationship with us. He is completely Holy and completely Loving. He is also pursuing us everyday. But are we listening for His voice? Will we draw closer and will we obey Him?

Tip:

We all want to experience the loving Father, but so many of us cannot believe that He loves us unconditionally. If we are honest, we don't want to pursue His Holiness because His Holiness will enact change in our lives. I mean, does He *really* know best for me? Press in with your group to the fullness and limitless supply of His Love and the freedom that comes from experiencing His Holiness.

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Session 5

Fire in the Dark

Session Focus:

As you walk daily with God, you will have many mountain top experiences with Him. These moments in His presence will mark you for the rest of your life. However, most of our lives are lived off the mountain in the daily reality of life. Sometimes, we don't think that God is with us in our daily living, but, He is with us! Even in our darkness, He is with us. And He want us to experience Him, daily.

Tip:

Lead your group to embrace what Joseph Bayly said,

“Don't forget in the darkness what you learned in the light.”

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Session 6

Living on Fire

So how do we keep following God in between the fire moments?

How do we navigate the struggles we are certain to face while continuing to press forward? Thankfully, we are not facing anything alone. Scripture gives us three promises to cling to.

In the face of Real Problems, we experience the Real Presence of God, everywhere we go.

Over the course of Exodus, God is with Moses and with Israel. **As they leave Egypt, they are guided by a pillar of fire by night and a cloud by day – the very presence of God leads them out of Egypt.**

Earlier in the study, we talked about learning to look for God's presence and notice it. This is where we get to put that into practice. Step out in faith and trust that God will provide. And that brings us to our next promise.

In the face of Real Problems, we will experience Real Provision.

Ask yourself, do you trust God enough to be generous with you? When He shows you a need, are you willing to step out in faith and give generously rather than hoarding your own blessings?

Sometimes, the provision of God doesn't just come in the form of a miracle or a material blessing. **At Faith Promise, we always say that We Grow Together, and sometimes, God's sweetest provision is a person.**

In Moses' case, it was several people.

Look at the people in your own life? How have they been evidence of God's care and compassion for you? How can you express your gratitude to one of those people this week?

Our final promise is this – **In the face of Real Problems, we encounter Real Love.**

Session 6 – Living on Fire

**“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgement on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you.”
-Exodus 12:13-13**

It's like when you see the ring of a campfire. Even after the fire has gone out, the remaining stone outline lets you know that a fire did in fact exist there.

The Bible has several terms for stones like these – it calls them stones of remembrance or Ebenezers.

God knew the Israelites needed this. After giving Moses instructions for the Passover, he says, “This is a day you are to commemorate. For generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord – a lasting ordinance.”

A memento of God's love.

You and I need those as well. We need items to hold on to or verses and songs that we can repeat to remind ourselves of God's constant presence, provision, and love.

In week 2, we looked at the early church in the book of Acts. Those men and women were consumed with the fire of God. It was contagious, and it spread like wildfire, impacting everyone and everything they touched. That week we asked you, why doesn't our church look like this today? Because the truth is, we have access to everything they have!

You already are a child of God and that means you already are a maker of disciples.

But do you really believe that's true? Does your life look like you believe it's true?

And like Moses, each of us gets a choice. Faced with the presence of God and the call of a lifetime, what will you choose?

Fire Starter Group Discussion

Why doesn't the big "C" church look like the early church in the book of Acts? How can you change your life to reflect the church in Acts?

When has God showed up for you? Write down that story and prepare to share it with someone where you live, work, study, shop and play this week.

What steps will you take daily/weekly to continue to experience the Fire of God's presence in your life?

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