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LOOK FOR THE BURNING BUSH
EXODUS 3:1-10

Introduction: Selective Attention

1. Sometimes we lose sight of what God is up to in our lives and in the world.
2. Sometimes, seeing God at work simply requires us to pause and observe.
3. What happens when we look for God at work.

Reflection Questions for Groups or Individuals:

1. *Today, we read the story of Moses and the burning bush. We heard how before Moses saw the burning bush, he was in a long uneventful season in the wilderness. Have you ever had a long season where you have struggled to see God at work?*
2. *As you take stock of your life right now in this moment- what signs of "selective attention" do you see? Are you hyper-focused on a particular problem or issue? Or are you in a season where your busyness is making it hard to pause and notice what God is up to in you and in the world? If so, stop and just tell God about it. In a group, share with each other how this looks in each of your lives right now.*
3. *Do you have a good sense of the big picture of God's plan for the world and how it relates to your life in this season? Can you see how He is working in and through you to help His Kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven? If so- name some of these ways. If not, ask God to help you see.*
4. *Just as we did in service, it is important to take time to pause and reflect. Choose another time this week when you will walk through the same process we did in service. Put this in your calendar. In a group- you might consider using some of your group time for this purpose.*
 - a. *Quiet yourself with deep breaths in and out. Ask God to help you hear from Him in these few moments.*
 - b. *Choose a time frame to look back on, and slowly replay the past hours or days in your mind like a movie. As you do this, ask God to show you anything unusual or unexpected- any "burning bushes" He put in your way.*
 - c. *After you've identified any "burning bushes" ask God what He wants to say to you about those burning bushes. Is there a word of encouragement He wants you to hear from Him? Is there something He wants you to do for someone else? Is there an action He wants you to take? Something He wants you to surrender? Ask Him to help you hear from Him on this.*
 - d. *Make a decision about what you will do with what He has shown to you, and tell Him about it. That might be a next step you need to take, or just a word from Him you need to write and keep in a place you'll see often. If you're struggling with what you've heard from Him, be honest about that, and ask for His help to obey. Read the rest of Exodus 3-4.*