

CONNECTION EQUIPPING ACADEMY
SEASON 1: "Growing in Knowing God"
SESSION 1: Turning Questions into Quests

Scripture Focus: Exodus 3

How do people feel about asking God questions? Why?

What are some questions people often have of, or about, God (or Jesus, or Church)?

Biblical Foundation: Exodus 2 (background) and Exodus 3:1-3

"Wilderness"

Deut 32.10: "He found him in a desert land, and in the howling waste of the wilderness; He encircled him, he cared for him, he kept him as the apple of his eye."

Mend and Restore moment:

What kind of hope does it give you to read that this was the condition Moses was in when he began to ask, "What is going on with that bush?"

Have you ever been in a similar situation? Have you known anyone who was? Are you there now? Spend time with God right now exploring in what ways you might be on the back side of the wilderness.

Biblical Foundation: Exodus 3:3-5

Exod 3:3. Moses responded with a question: why is this bush burning? And then he did some things. Let's look at his response:

- a) Exodus 3:3, 4.
- b) Exodus 3:4.
- c) Exodus 3:5.

Mend and Restore Moment

If you're being absolutely honest with yourself, how much do you assume or hope that things should be (or stay) "normal?" Why?

- a) How much do you assume that God wants you to stay comfortable?
- b) How afraid would you be to ask questions if you knew that it meant things couldn't stay normal?

Now, knowing that, how willing are you to ask what God is doing in your life and around you that isn't normal, even if it means that you can't do "normal" anymore?

Ask:

- a) Have I stopped asking questions of God or about God?
- b) Why have I stopped asking questions?
- c) Have I been asking but not “turning aside” to get the answer?
- d) In what ways have I lacked humility about the things God might be doing around me?

Examples of other questions followers asked:

Jeremiah 12:1 “Indeed I would discuss matters of justice with You: Why has the way of the wicked prospered? Why are all those who deal in treachery at ease?”

Matthew 18:21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

Matthew 19:27 “Then Peter said to Him, “Behold, we have left everything and followed You; what then will there be for us?””

CASE: Your Neighbor/Friend tells you that their spouse is leaving them. Divorce papers are pending, but not served. Your friend wants to know how to respond, and feels lost. It is excruciating. They are crushed.

Task: Draw on Scripture, experience, prayer, the Holy Spirit; how do you “minister” to this person?

LEARNING AFTER YOU LEAVE

- a) What question(s) do you have about God? Who He is?
 - How will you seek out the answer(s) to those questions this week? How will you begin?
- b) What question(s) do you have about what God is doing in your life right now?
 - How will you pursue the answer(s) to those questions, and how will you respond? What will be your first steps? (maybe you already know)
- c) What question(s) do you have about what God is doing in others around you? How does He want you to play a part?
 - How will you pursue the answer(s) to those questions, and how will you respond? What will be your first steps? (maybe you already know) What does He want to do in YOU first?