

## BE PRESENT | 5-15-16

### REFLECT & DISCUSS

Wonder draws us in. It catches our attention, erases distractions, causes us to have a closer look, and beckons us to be present. A sunrise, sunset, waterfall, laughter, joy, design, beauty, love, and peace invite us to wonder. Share about a time in your life when you were drawn into a moment, when you walked toward the wonder of a sunset, a memory in the making, or a moment that took your breath away. How do these moments of wonder cause us to worship God?

#### *Psalm 100*

What are the different ways this Psalm instructs us to worship God? Do you typically experience joy, gladness, and shouting in worship? Why/why not? Why is it important to begin worship with thanksgiving? What does it mean to be present in God's presence? How do you do this during worship?

#### *Exodus 3:1-3*

Why do you think Moses went far into the wilderness to the mountain of God? If he wasn't present in the moment, do you think he would have missed seeing the burning bush? What did the wonder of the moment cause Moses to do? What amazing things is God doing in your life that you have been missing? What do you need to do to be present?

#### *Exodus 3:4-6*

In these verses, Moses looked, listened, and responded to what God was doing.

- LOOK: What have you been focused on lately? How has God shown up in that?
- LISTEN: How has God been speaking into your life? Through others, circumstances, or directly from Him?
- RESPOND: How have you been responding to God? In obedience with joy? Have you been resisting Him?

### CHALLENGE

The goal of our lives is to be present in God's presence. Since God is everywhere, that would mean we must strive to acknowledge God's presence wherever we are. To do this, we must look, listen, and respond to what God is doing, just like Moses did. Look for God's presence. Listen to the people, circumstances, and God's voice in your life. Respond in obedience with joy to the adventure God is calling you into.

### PRAYER

Father, thank you for being living and active in my life. When I realize who You are, what You've done, and how you've been faithful in my life, I can't help but be overjoyed and respond by worshipping you. Help me to look, listen, and respond to You so that I can walk with you and lead others into Your presence.

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