GROUP GUIDE

Lessons from the Burning Bush

From the message on Exodus 2:11–14 · Exodus 3:1–4:17 · Exodus 1:11–14 · Genesis 46:34 · Deuteronomy 28:12 · Romans 12:6 · 1 Peter 4:10

THE MESSAGE IN BRIEF

Moses' call story shows three things God places in every one of us. Passion is the fire in your bones, like a bush that burns but isn't consumed: it lights you up without burning you out. Gift is the strength in your hands, like Moses' ordinary shepherd's staff, the tool of a trade Egypt looked down on, which God asked about by name. Burden is the ache in your heart, the place where God's heart meets yours: "I have heard them crying out." This conversation is simply about naming all three, honestly, one at a time.

READ

> **EXODUS 3:2** *"The bush was burning, yet it was not consumed."*
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> **EXODUS 4:2** *"The LORD said to him, 'What is that in your hand?' He said, 'A staff.'"*

Also read: Exodus 3:7 · Deuteronomy 28:12 · 1 Peter 4:10. **From the book:** *Your Life Signature*, chapters 4 to 7.

OPEN UP

If nobody paid you and nobody was watching, what would you still find yourself doing?

THINK IT THROUGH

1. **Passion:** What makes you lose track of time? What could you talk about for an hour without getting bored?
2. **Gift:** What feels effortless to you but seems to genuinely impress other people? What do others see in you that you've overlooked?

GET HONEST

3. **Burden:** What situations make you say, "someone has to do something about this"? What need can you not walk past?
4. Which of these three feels easiest for you to name? Which feels hardest, and why?

PRAY TOGETHER

God, thank you for the fire, the strength and the ache you have already placed in each person here. Give us the courage to name them honestly instead of downplaying them. Like Moses, help us see what is already in our hands, and trust that you can use it. Amen.

THIS WEEK

- **Write it down.** Fill in each one on its own, without trying to connect them: My passion is _____. My gift is _____. My burden is _____.
- **Read the Bible together.** Start the 5-day Bible plan *Your Life Signature: Find Your God-Given Purpose* in the Bible App and invite your group as friends, so you read the same day and can see each other's reflections. bible.com/reading-plans/79882
- **Ask someone who knows you.** "What do I do that seems easy for me but impresses you?" Their answer may point to a gift you've overlooked.

This guide stands on its own, so anyone who missed Sunday can join in. Use the questions that fit your group and skip the rest. Never make anyone share their written answers out loud.

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