

10th May – FitFoM #3 - Encounter**Exodus 3:1-15**

1. Share your own stories of Encounters with God (Only for those who wish to – nobody should feel they have to). Remember that it can be an Encounter with the Father or the Son or the Holy Spirit. Some people find it easier to relate to one of the Trinity than the others.
2. Have any of you experienced an Encounter which has led to a 'mission' with God? This should be seen in the broadest sense – not necessarily a calling to the ministry or to the mission field.
3. If none of your Encounters with God led specifically to a mission with Him; did they have an effect on your life and faith? If so, in what way?
4. Do you relate to the idea that God often uses us most when we are at the end of our resources? Do you have an example to share?
5. Although the talk was entitled Standing on Holy Ground, Ian did not address this particular aspect of the story. What does Holy Ground' mean to you? Are there places where you feel (or have felt) a strong sense of God's Presence?
6. God describes Himself as 'I am who I am'. What do you understand by this phrase?
7. Do you expect to Encounter God every day? If not, why not and is there something that could change your level of expectation?
8. Moses was a man of confused identity – neither fully Egyptian, Hebrew, nor Midianite. Neither leader, prince, nor shepherd. However, as God revealed more about who He was, Moses began to discover his true identity too.
 - i. Does this remain true for us today?
 - ii. Pray together and ask God, through revelation of His character, to begin to reveal your own selves too.

3rd May – FitFoM #2 - Formation**Exodus 2:11-25**

1. The literature of Exodus serves to convey themes of deliverance and identity. This text highlights Moses not only as a future leader but as someone who grapples with his identity in two worlds: that of a Hebrew and that of an Egyptian. Moses' name for his son in v22 is an autobiographical reflection: "I have become a foreigner in a foreign land"
 - a) In what sense should a Christian be able to say the same thing?
 - b) What might our lives look like if we (a) don't and (b) do think of ourselves as foreigners in a foreign land?
 - c) And to what extent do you think of yourself as "a foreigner in a foreign land"?
2. Verse 11 of the reading says: *One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labour. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people.*
 - a) Describe the choice Moses was faced with in this verse. what the options were and what the implications of each option would have been for him.
 - b) In what respect are Christians faced with a similar choice today and what examples can you give of that choice presenting itself, as it did for Moses?
3. Even though Moses' impulsiveness led to murder, God was still determined to use him as His chosen instrument.
 - a) How is God's grace displayed in this?
 - b) How does this bring comfort when we are faced with our own sins and failures?
4. Formation means personal growth and development / the development of something into a particular thing or shape.
 - a) Discuss your understanding of *spiritual formation*
5. What people and experiences did God use to equip Moses?
 - a) What in your life might God be using to equip you for service?
6. Read verses 23-25.
 - a) How are these verses comforting?
 - b) What do they teach us about the character of God?
7. How does knowing that God is mindful of your pain and faithful to His word impact your faith journey?

Extra question if time to spare:

8. Verse 15 says that Moses "*sat down by a well.*"
 - a) Think of how many significant meetings at a well we see in the Bible.

26th April – FitFoM #1 - Providence**Exodus 1:22-2:10 & Acts 7:20-22****1. First Impressions**

- a. When you hear the word **providence**, what thoughts or feelings come to mind? How would you explain it in your own words after hearing this talk?

2. God at Work in Difficult Circumstances

- a. Moses was born into danger, violence, oppression, and uncertainty. What does his story teach us about God's ability to work even in dark or chaotic situations?
- b. Have you ever seen God bring something good out of a difficult season?

3. Hidden Seasons

- a. The sermon suggested that God is often working when nothing obvious seems to be happening.
- b. Have you ever had a season that felt unimportant, delayed, frustrating, or confusing — but later realised God was doing something in you?

4. Looking Back

- a. Looking back over your life, where can you now see moments of God's guidance that you did not recognise at the time? What changed your perspective?

5. Nothing Is Wasted

- a. The sermon said, *"Nothing is wasted in the hands of God."*
 - i. Do you find that encouraging, difficult, or both? Why?
- b. Are there experiences in your life that you struggle to believe God could still use?

6. Free Will and Providence

- a. How do you understand the balance between "our responsibility to make choices and freedom to act" and "God's Providence and guiding hand at work in our lives"?
- b. Where do you find tension in that balance?
- c. How can we hold both truths together without denying either?

7. Control

- a. Where do you most like to feel in control of life (plans, family, work, finances, future, relationships, health, etc.)?
- b. What happens in you when control is taken away?
- c. How does trusting God challenge that?

8. Present Season

- a. The sermon asked, "What if this season is not pointless? What if this season is preparation?"
 - i. How might that perspective change the way you see your current season of life?

9. Trusting Without Seeing

- a. Why do you think trusting God in unseen seasons can be harder than trusting Him in obvious blessing?
- b. What helps you keep trusting when life feels unclear?

10. Prayer and Response

- a. What is one area of your life where you need to say this week: **"Lord, I do not understand what You are doing, but I choose to trust You."**
- b. How can the group pray for you in that?