

Angels • Week 2 • April 29/30, 2017

Exodus 3:1-12

Open:

- Reflect together on the following poem, by Elizabeth Barrett Browning, in relation to our ongoing conversation about angels,

*“Earth’s crammed with heaven, And every common bush afire with God,
But only he who sees takes off his shoes; The rest sit round and pluck blackberries.”*

Discuss:

Read Exodus 3:1-12 and journey through the following questions . . .

- What especially intrigues, provokes, disturbs, challenges, encourages, warms, helps, or surprises you from this passage?

Angels Give Us the Message That God . . .	What questions does this answer or generate?	How do you practically respond to this message?
<p>Is holy and worthy of worship Isa. 6:1-3; Ex. 3:1-6</p>		
<p>Has compassion for people Ex. 3:7-10</p>		
<p>Has a job for you in His redemptive work Lk. 20:30-35; Mt. 1:18-25; Lk. 2:8-20</p>		
<p>God is with you Ex. 3:11-12</p>		

Practices for the Week to Help Become More Aware of Angels:

Through the practice of reflective journaling...

- Imagine yourself in front of the burning bush, barefoot and frightened in the presence of God's messenger. What is God asking you to do? What is your response?

Meditate on the reality of angels by memorizing Exodus 3:9-10.

Readings that will help you learn about angels . . .

- *The Screwtape Letters*, by C.S. Lewis
- *The Hum of Angels: Listening for the Messengers of God Around Us*, by Scot McKnight