**The Land Between – part 1 Life in the Penalty Box Leader Notes**

**HOOK**

**When have you felt like you were put in the penalty box? What lesson did you learn while in the penalty box?**

**Agree or disagree: some lessons can’t be learned in the palace; they have to be learned in the desert.**

**What has been one of your most epic failures in your life? What did God teach you through that?**

**BOOK**

**Read Exodus 2:11-25 What put Moses in the penalty box?**

**Read Acts 7:25 and Exodus 2:22. How do you think Moses felt in the penalty box?** (Misunderstood, like he just doesn’t belong anywhere).

**LOOK**

**What blessings came to Moses in the penalty box? (2:21,22 – a wife and children).**

**What lessons did Moses have to learn in the penalty box?** (Patience, humility, experience of God’s power, servanthood, trust, obedience, hearing God’s voice)

**Read Exodus 3:9,10 What got Moses out of the penalty box?** (God called him to lead Israel out of Egypt).

**What evidence can you find that Moses changed in his 40 years in the desert?** (When God called him to lead Israel out of Egypt, he protested and felt totally inadequate).

**The rod of Moses became the rod of God. Where did Moses get that rod?**  (in the desert). **What’s the difference between a stick and the rod of God?**

**TOOK**

**Is there a time when you failed but actually learned more than succeeding?**

**To what ministry do you sense God is leading you?**

**How can we misinterpret God’s silence?** (Blessed in the person who doesn’t interpret the silence of God as the indifference of God.)

**How might you reframe your experiences of being in the penalty box?**

**What do you sense God is doing through Calgary’s difficult economic times?**