



Discussion Guide for April
26th

Redo: Moses **Exodus 3 and 4**

Ice Breaker Questions:

- If you could be a member of a fictional family from any TV show/Movie, who would you pick?

Read Exodus 3:11-4:17

Your past doesn't disqualify your future.

Credentials- God is speaking to Moses through a burning bush, calling him back to Egypt to go to Pharaoh and to free the Israelites from slavery. Vs. 11- Moses says, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

-Why do you think Moses was scared to go back to Egypt?

- He had murdered someone, run from his people and basically been in hiding for 40 years. His immediate thought was that he didn't have the credentials to do what God was calling. God's immediate response is "I will certainly be with you!" Be sure to point to the fact that God was not worried about Moses' credentials, because God would be with him.

-Is it often our natural reaction to disqualify ourselves?

- Maybe some people in the group can relate to this...they immediately disqualify themselves when asked to do something. Take time to talk about how this is the wrong view when God is calling us to do something (i.e. Sharing our faith, Tithing, Serving at Church, Etc.)

Content- In Vs 13 Moses continues to make excuses, asking God what he should say when asked who sent him. Moses thinks that he doesn't have the content or knowledge to be leading the Israelites out of Egypt.

-What is God's reply to Moses in vs 14-15?

- God points back to the history of the Israelites and His past faithfulness to them. God's past faithfulness in our lives will always give us assurance of his future faithfulness.

-What does God's response to Moses show us about the importance of the Bible?

- God's word gives us content and knowledge about His faithfulness that will encourage us into our calling and help defeat our unbelief. In order to tell others about God, we must discover who He is through His Word!

Champions- Moses is reluctant again that people will believe him and follow him (ch. 4 vs. 1-9). God assures him once again by providing some miraculous signs for him to show others in order for them to believe.

- Why was Moses worried about the response of others?

- He was more worried about his results rather than being obedient and faithful to God. When God calls us to something, we can often lose sight of obeying God because we are worried about the outcome....all God is asking us is to be faithful! He will take care of the results!

Communication- Moses moves on to discredit his physical ability to communicate (ch. 4 vs. 10-12). God replies by reminding Moses that HE put the mouth on man and has the complete power to make people mute, deaf, blind or whatever HE desires! God reminds Moses that HE has the power to make Moses speak and to be heard clearly. *God gives each of us exactly what we need to do what he has called us to do!*

- What are some of your 'go to' excuses to avoid doing what God has called you to?

- By now, Moses has made several excuses to avoid being obedient to God. Many of us have our own list of excuses, take time to evaluate yourself and be vulnerable with the group to share some excuses you use....busyness, avoiding awkwardness, fear of hurting a relationship, lack of ability, etc.

Commitment- Moses finally just begs God to send someone else. He has made all the excuses and just admits that He doesn't want to do it! Ultimately, Moses lack of desire and commitment to following God are the biggest obstacle, not his lack of ability, knowledge or communication skills. If we can just commit to following God, He can work through us and overcome our excuses and unbelief!

- Why is commitment such an important part of following where God is leading us?

- Being obedient is as much about the mindset of saying 'Yes' and allowing God to work through us! It's not about our credentials, content, or communication skills. God is simply asking us to commit and be obedient!

- What are ways your group can encourage each other to say 'Yes' and follow God where HE leads?

Prayer Time:

-Pray for members of the group by name, and for guidance, encouragement, and perseverance as we navigate the changes ahead because of the pandemic.

-Continue to pray for people on the front lines of the corona virus fight and for the lives that have been directly impacted by the changes in society at this time.