

### EXODUS: FOCUSING ON GOD IN A WORLD OF DISTRACTIONS Exodus 4

#### Week of February 12, 2023

**Belong:** Use this as a time to get to know one another. The questions below are written for people to open-up and belong to the group.

Take a *few minutes* to hear about your group members' week.

Choose two of the questions below:

- Ask about highs or lows that have happened since the last time you met.
- Or, Give a fun fact about yourself.
- Or, What is a quirky or unusual fear that you have?
- Or, What is the biggest way you've changed since you were a child? In what way are you still the same?

#### How has God revealed Himself to you this week?

**Believe:** Read this week assigned Scriptures then highlight each verse that speaks to you. Include the book, chapter and verse(s).

Have someone in your group read aloud Exodus 4

Moses is struggling with God's calling to go back to Egypt. His doubt leads to a demonstration of God's power. *The question is, how do we respond to God in our doubts? How did Moses respond?* 

# **Build:** Engage the passage and wrestle with its meaning. Ask why it was written, who was it written to, and what is the author trying to say to the **original audience**. Be sure to pay attention to the **context** to help you understand the meaning. How does it fit with the verses before and after it?

What is the significance of the signs in 4:1-9?

- What are the signs meant to communicate to the Israelites?
- What were the Israelite's response to the signs in 4:29-31?
- In your opinion, was God's communication to the people successful?

How does Moses respond to God's calling in vs. 10?

• Was his excuse legitimate?

How about Moses' plea in vs. 13?

- Was Moses wrong for asking God to send someone else?
- Why or Why not?

# **Become:** Application is the heart of the process. How can this help me? What would the application of this verse look like in my life? What is God saying to me?

What's our default response when we're called by God?

- How many of you have said, "that's not my calling?"
- What do you mean by "that's not my calling?"
- How can we be obedient to God's call when all we want to do is say, "please God, send someone else!"

Have someone read aloud **1 Corinthians 12:12-27** to see how God has equipped His church to fulfill its calling.

What symbol does Paul use to describe how the church should function?

• Is this an appropriate symbol?

If a member of the church is similar to the human body, then what is the role of the members? Does every member have the same responsibilities?

What is the implication for the members of FBC that God has placed each member just where He desires? What does that look like currently? What could it look like?

Why has God designed the church like this?

## Begin: It's important that we not only hear and discuss God's Word but respond to it. (James 1:22)

#### Based on our study this week, are an of you convicted to respond?

# At the end of the conversation, spend some time praying as a group. Here are some prompts:

- Spend some time praying for ways we can respond to God's actionable call on our lives?
- Spend some group time-sharing requests and praying specifically for them.
- Spend some time praying for FBC and that the church would respond to God's calling on their life.

## **Additional Resources:**

Blue Letter Bible: David Guzik: Check out the QR code to learn more.





Precept Austin: Exodus: Check out the QR code to learn more.