



EXODUS: FOCUSING ON GOD IN A WORLD OF DISTRACTIONS

Exodus 6
Week of March 5, 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, If the apostle Paul were alive today, do you think he'd be active on social media?
- Or, Would you rather have a fast forward, pause, or rewind button on your life?

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 **Exodus 6:1-13** aloud.

At the end of **Exodus 5**, we saw that Moses had questions. He goes to God with a sense of defeat and airs his grievances. Sometimes we find ourselves in the same place. When we are in those places, we shouldn't ask, "**How do I avoid this place.**" We should be asking, "**What does God want me to know while I'm there?**" And, "**How is He going to pull me through?**"

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?*

In **Exodus 6:1-14**, God replies to Moses' "questions" at the end of chapter 5. Using one word, summarize the purpose of God's talk with Moses. [reassurance]

How does God reassure Moses that He will keep His promises in this passage? How does he do the same for us today?

Have someone read **Exodus 3:19-20** aloud from the ESV. What does "compelled" mean? Who is doing the "compelling"? How does this apply to **Exodus 6:1**?

What do you think of Moses' reaction in **6:12**? Does he sound like a "Here I am!" guy or a "Who am I?" guy? How do you think you would have responded?

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?*

Have you ever struggled with unbelief [*wondering if God had forsaken or forgotten you or doubting whether God still loved you*] in the midst of suffering, trials, or sickness?

- Why is it so easy and tempting to measure God's faithfulness by our outward circumstances? [*life's good = God loves me/ life's bad=God must not know I exist.*] What dangers exist in doing that?

Have someone read aloud **Hebrews 11:1-13**. What do these verses teach us about faith in God? What do these verses teach us about trusting God?

- Do we like to hear that it may take a while for the promises of God to happen? Why or Why not?
- Are these verses assuring to us as we learn to trust God?

It seemed God was calling Moses and Aaron to go and do the impossible.

- What is something that you'd like to see happen in your life, but it seems impossible?
- What is something that you'd like to see happen at FBC, but it seems impossible?
- Do you ever ask God for "impossible" things?

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, do any of you find the promises of God assuring or do you continue to trust in His promises?

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

- Spend some group time—sharing requests and praying specifically for them.
- Spend some time praying for FBC and that we would be encouraged and hopeful in how God is working in and through FBC Portland.

Additional Resources:

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



Precept Austin: Exodus 5: Check out the QR code to learn more.

