

Home Group Leaders Notes

Exodus 3 – 4:17

Recap Questions

1. What things in the passage highlight that God is a God who commits himself to personal relationships?

Leaders Note: There are a number of things. God personally calls Moses by name (3:4), the repeated mention of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob. Referring to Hebrews as “My People”. You may wish to take the group to Mark 12: 26-27 to highlight the eternal nature of the relationships God makes; he is still in relationship with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

2. Read Exodus 3:17. When did God make these promises?

Leaders Note: Genesis 46: 1-4 & Genesis 15: 13-16

3. What is God’s response to Moses lack of confidence in verse 11?

4. What is the significance of God saying “I Am who I Am”?

Leaders Note: The statement “I Am who I Am” is one of the most debated parts of the Old Testament. It points to many things about God; his self-existence, creator of all things, his immutability & his eternal nature. But In context it is most likely a promise of his presence with his people. Again you may wish to take your group to John 8: 56-59 and get them to think about Jesus conscious use of the language of Exodus 3.

5. What responses does Moses give to God in 3:11, 4:1, 4:10 & 4:13? What assurances does God give to Moses?

Application Questions

1. Share one thing that stood out to you in the sermon.
2. In what occasions of difficulty or ministry have you been particularly aware of God’s presence with you? What happened?
3. Have you ever used excuses similar to the ones Moses raises in order not to do something the God has prompted you to do? What can you do to move beyond excuses into obedience? Do you want to change or would you still prefer God to send someone else?

Leaders Note: These are potentially quite challenging, direct questions. Try to encourage the group to be honest, counteract any feelings of condemnation by reminding them that we all make excuses at times and all have situations where fear can potentially hold us back from stepping out in faith and obeying the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

If the group embrace this question and start to share openly, it will naturally lead to a time of praying for one another.