

TRUTH YOU NEED WHEN YOU'RE DISCOURAGED

Exodus 4:1-17

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- If you knew that you would have 100% success if you attempted something, what would you do for God?
- What's stopping you from doing that right now?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last week. Anything you need to follow up on as a group?
- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** Exodus 4:1-17. In his message, Pastor Brad gave us **three truths for discouraging times**.

1. You need to know God is powerful enough to still use you (Exodus 4:2-9)

- a. God used Moses' own common staff to help lead his people out of Egypt. Talk to your group about some of the ways God could get the glory out of your everyday life.
- b. Pastor Brad said, "When God calls you He equips you." Brainstorm together about the way you see God has made each of you - and some of the ministry opportunities He may have equipped you for.
- c. When you think about your own past, is it easier for you to remember your failures, or God's faithfulness? Why do you think that's true?

2. You need a bigger view of God (Exodus 4:11-13)

- a. Moses gives several excuses why he doesn't think he should obey God. What are some of the excuses we might give today when we don't want to follow God's clear commands?
- b. What are some ways we can develop a bigger view of God? What will you personally do this week to have a more accurate picture of the Lord?
- c. Why do you think God chooses to use people who have great failures, inadequacies, and excuses? Check out 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 to dig a little deeper.

3. You need to keep obeying (Exodus 4:14-17)

- a. Pastor Brad said that we should be grateful for a God who gets angry. Why do you think that is?
- b. Where do you tend to turn when you get stressed, tired, or discouraged? How can you develop habits that help you turn to the Lord instead?
- c. What are some areas in your life right now where you are struggling to keep obeying? How can this group encourage you and challenge you to keep obeying?

What is one thing that you will do this week as a response to what you have just learned together?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- What are the areas in your life where you are discouraged, fragile, or failing right now?
- As a group, lay those human discouragements at God's feet and replace them with truth.

