COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS A MATTER OF TRUST — IT AINT ABOUT YOU MO!



Exodus 3-4 Pastor Miles McPherson – January 12, 2013

Memory Verse

"God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' And he said, 'Say this to the people of Israel, I am has sent me to you."" (Exodus 3:14 ESV)

DISCUSSION STARTERS

Explain a time when God clearly called you to do something but you refused, questioned, or doubted him in that task. Did you end up fulfilling that call? What was the result? What did you learn from that situation?

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Was there ever a time in your life that you just contemplated, "What if...?" Maybe it was a regret you had from a mistake you made, or maybe it was a decision that completely altered, for good or bad, the direction of your life. Of course, we all have some of those things in our life, yet the response will vary from person to person and situation to situation.

Can you imagine for a second being Moses. Consider the sequence of his life. When he was two years old there was a mass execution of all male children two years and younger, but he was spared by the Pharaohs daughter. He was a Jewish boy raised in an Egyptian rulers home which comes with much prestige, education, and many more. One day he kills an Egyptian as a form of vengeance for one of his Jewish brothers only to be ridiculed and forced to flee. He lives in the mountains for forty years as an exile, only to be asked by God to free millions of his fellow Hebrews from slavery. We know he eventually said yes, but can you imagine how history may have been altered had he said no?

This week, Pastor Miles explored the call of Moses to free Israel from slavery and the implications that may have for us today. Are we truly willing to sacrifice all for the sake of the gospel?



- 1. Read Exodus 4:1-17 together as a group. Although Moses was fearful and doubtful about what God called him to do, God didn't let Moses off the hook.
 - How does God confirm who he is to Moses? What was Moses response?
 - How do you see God's grace work for the benefit of Moses and his mission to Israel?
 - Why do you suppose God didn't just bypass Moses and go for a more willing participant for this mission? Who does Moses represent in this story and why is that important for the grand biblical narrative? (*Hint: Consider Jesus and what he came to accomplish*)
- 2. Read John 8:48-59 together as a group. Jesus is confronted by the religious leaders about their claim of his having a demon because of the miraculous things he has accomplished. Jesus' response is very close to that of God's response to Moses in Exodus 3-4.
 - After reading Ex. 3-4 and John 8:48-59 how would compare and contrast the various characters of both stories?
 - How is the story of John 8 a fulfillment of Exodus 3-4?
 - Why do you suppose the Pharisees were so hard on Jesus, even calling him a demon? If you heard the story from the Pharisee's perspective would you be just as angry, or more sympathetic? Explain.
- 3. Spend time discussing the things that God is calling you to do now in your life? How are you being obedient? How are you resisting? What are your fears or concerns?

GROUP ACTIVITY

How can you encourage and support each other in the areas of ministry that the Lord has called each of us to? Spend time praying for each other creating a plan to help each other grow in this next season of life and ministry.

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