

## **RCC LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION (FACILITATOR)**

### **EXODUS CHAPTERS 3 & 4**

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#### **Breaking it Down**

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#### **Exodus 3:1-10**

- What do you think the differences are between being ordinary and being extraordinary and what does this have to do with God calling Moses?
  - The first part of the question is an opinion and perspective question so please listen as the facilitator. God was about to call Moses from the ordinary as a shepherd of animals into the extraordinary as a shepherd of people. But note, that God's call

from the ordinary into the extraordinary revolved around His resources and not what Moses brought to the table.

- In what ways has God called you from the ordinary and into the extraordinary? Is there anything scary about that calling and if so, what is it? How do you respond to being afraid?
  - These are opinion and perspective questions so please listen as the facilitator.
- Notice the language of verses 7-8 specifically. God saw. God heard. God knew. God came down. Why is all of this important?
  - God didn't take a hands-off approach to His people, even when they were suffering, and He doesn't take a hands-off approach to you and me today.
- How would you characterize Moses' first excuse of why He wasn't the one that God should send in Exodus 3:11?
  - Moses' first excuse was one of inadequacy. It was about what He brought to the table rather than what God brought to the table.
- In what ways do you believe/feel you are inadequate to be God's messenger and His servant? How does 2 Corinthians 3:4-6 speak about our inadequacy versus God's adequacy?
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#### □ Exodus 3:11-22

- How would you characterize Moses' second excuse in Exodus 3:13 of why He wasn't the one that God should send?
  - Moses' second excuse was one of ignorance. The people may not know enough or anything about God, which in turn would put him on the spot for providing some answers about who God was.

- How would you characterize God's response to Moses in Exodus 3:14-22 after Moses' second excuse?
  - God lets Moses know that His people's deliverance isn't based upon Moses or his abilities but upon God's nature, His promises, and His power.
  - In what ways do you need to more fully understand that what God wants to do through you isn't dependent upon you but upon God and His power?
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□ Exodus 4:1-9

- Why do you think that God first uses the staff in Moses' hand in response to his excuse of him not having enough credibility with the people to be believed?
  - Moses used to be a shepherd of animals and the only reason he was called from the ordinary into the extraordinary was because of God and His choosing. God wants Moses to remember this.
    - In God's utilization of the staff, the hand, and the water from the Nile, He is emphasizing what He can do through the ordinary to bring about the extraordinary.
- In what ways do you see God bringing about the extraordinary simply by using your ordinary?
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□ Exodus 4:10-17

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- Why do you think God is so angry with Moses?
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- What lessons do you think we can learn from God selecting Aaron in Exodus 4:14-17?
  - God's will is going to be accomplished with or without me. The fact that He desires to accomplish His will through me should be humbling, awe inspiring, and extremely motivating to us!
  - My unwillingness to be a part of God's will be done might mean that someone else gets to be blessed in ways that I miss out on because they have a willingness to be a part of God's will being done.
  - God still has a role and mission for me no matter how much I may miss opportunities and mess up. Moses was still a big part of this beautiful story of God redeeming His people.

#### Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
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- What is a command to obey in this passage?
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