



Community Group Discussion Guide

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Week 2 | Stuck on Ourselves

Exodus 3:1-14; 4:1-17

Introduction

By identifying common ruts that can impede following Christ, this 3 part series will show us how to get “unstuck” and gain traction on our spiritual journey.

This Week:

While in the wilderness, Moses is approached by God in a burning bush and told to return to Egypt and lead the Israelites out of slavery. But Moses is stuck more on his inadequacies (e.g. 3:11; 4:10) and the response of others (e.g. 3:13; 4:1) than on the identity, presence, and power of God. This interaction between God and Moses should make us all consider where our focus is when we're stuck and wavering on obedience. Is our focus on ourselves and how others perceive us? Or is our focus on God?

Questions for Study

1. If you're comfortable, share a story of a time when you felt 'stuck' in a situation, but the battle was really inside yourself... you felt inadequate and ill-prepared, or you lacked confidence, or you were full of fear and doubt.
2. Read Exodus 3:1-14 & 4:1-17. As you read, list 3-4 observations. What stood out to you the most? Discuss these things first.
3. What were the 4 things (the 4 main points) given for this passage that Moses needed (and that we need) in order to get unstuck from focusing too much on ourselves and our inadequacies?
4. Like the burning bush, name some experiences you've had that were pivotal God-moments in your life. Why did this create a change in you?
5. When was the last time you paused & “turned aside” from ordinary life; long enough to think about life's deeper questions? ... Questions like:
 - What is all of my busyness accomplishing?
 - What really matters in life?
 - What's life all about?
 - How does God want to use me?
6. This passage reminds us that God is a holy, fiery, powerful God. He's not a clay god. Why is it important that we approach God as He is; a fiery God, and not a clay god?
7. We have a powerful Master. Name a few of the ways that God shows His power in this passage. If God is so powerful and He's also our Master who wants what is best for us, why do we get so nervous or scared obeying Him?
8. The angel of the Lord in the burning bush is a mediator between God and Moses. This reminds us that God provides us with a personal companion. What did this companion/mediator do for us?
9. God wants to make you into a burning bush—a light that causes others to turn aside; to check out. What task or vision is God giving you? He wants to use you to accomplish His will. Are you willing to let him?