

Exodus 3:1-17 Discussion Questions* | Hearing God's Call

Focus on the Theme

1. If you feel able to do so, share a time when you felt inadequate or unsuitable for a difficult task you needed to do.

What are some of the reasons we feel ill-equipped at such moments?

What was it that enabled you to go through with the task?

What Does the Bible Say?

2. Moses responds in several different ways to the appearance of God in the burning bush (3:2-6). How would you describe his responses?

3. How does God identify himself in Exodus 3:6?

Why might this be significant?

4. What verbs are used in Exodus 3:7-8 to describe why God is now acting the way he is?

How do they relate to what is said in 2:23-25?

5. What questions does Moses ask of God, and how does God respond (3:9-15)?

Going Deeper

6. Each section in the conversation between Moses and God includes a question from Moses or a reason why he can't do what God asks him to do, followed by a response from God. Glance through Exodus 3:10-4:17. What do we learn about God from the way he responds to Moses' anxieties?

7. Given the revelation of God's name in Exodus 3:14, what is the significance of Jesus' claims about himself in John 8:48-59?

Living it Out

8. God calls Moses even though he could easily deliver the Israelites himself. In the light of that observation, why is it significant that God chooses to work through his people then and today?

9. Think about different areas of your life, Monday through Sunday. In what ways does the dialogue between Moses and God encourage you in your calling to be a disciple in all of life?

Is there a specific area where you're learning to trust God at the moment?

10. Moses sees himself differently as a result of his encounter with God. Thinking about your everyday frontline, how has this passage helped you see yourself differently in this place?

In what ways has the session given you some fresh ideas about how you might be part of what God is doing there?

Prayer Time

Think about how God is portrayed in this passage and reflect on its significance for how we might pray.

Thank God for what has struck you about who he is and how he works.

God's calling is corporate as well as individual: ask for God's help in enabling you and the people in your church to "live a life worthy of the calling you [plural] have received" (Ephesians 4:1).

In pairs or as a group, share what you would like God to do in you and through you on your frontlines, in light of this session, and pray.