

Share prayer requests with the small group. Ask someone to take notes and share the requests with group members after the meeting.

Sermon Study

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Deliverance Calling

Exodus 3:1-22 ("I AM" calls Moses)

vision

Eastview
Christian
Church is a
fearless church
of Christ
followers whose
ridiculous love
and dangerous
witness are
irresistible.



AUTHOR'S NOTE (summary of key points for this study)

Our God is the mighty Deliverer, and today He still hears the cries of those held captive in sin. Like Moses, today God is calling to His servants to proclaim deliverance, empowering us to show the way out of captivity. Will we respond with excuses not to proclaim? What will we "risk" for the sake of the deliverance of many? This passage shows us what it means to be a fearless follower and to bear truly dangerous witness that cannot be stopped for the LORD God Almighty, the I AM WHO I AM, continues to act in redemptive history.

Gather (your group getting to know each other)

1. Describe the strangest site you have ever seen or the most amazing sound you have ever heard.
2. When you see, hear, or smell something strange or unusual, what are you most likely to do?

Go
(your group on mission)

What excuses have you given to God when He has called you to “go?” How are those excuses like Moses’ excuses? How might God respond? What obstacles keep you from sharing the Gospel? What risk are you willing to take to proclaim the Gospel?

Grow (your group growing as Christ-followers)

1. Read Exodus 3:1-22.
2. Why do you think God used the burning bush to get Moses’ attention?
3. What has God done to get your attention?
4. Read verses 5 and 6. How did God first identify Himself to Moses? What relationship did God initiate by identifying Himself in this fashion? How did He demand acknowledgement of it?
5. What was God’s explanation for the reason for this relationship and calling?
6. Look again at verses 7-10. What is your reaction to God’s awareness of the suffering and oppression of His people?
7. In verses 11 and 12, what was Moses’ first excuse for not answering the call? How did God answer that excuse?

8. Look at verses 13-16 again and describe Moses’ second concern. Why is God’s response so powerful? (God gives His name, “I AM WHO I AM”. That Hebrew phrase can be translated “I cause to be what is,” identifying God as the One who acts in creation and redemptive history). What does his name mean for your life?

9. Looking at the Gospel of John, how does Jesus identify Himself with that name?

10. How much did Moses risk to return to Egypt and lead God’s people from it? What is God calling you to do that is risky and requires some real faith?

11. In verses 17-11 what does God promise will happen? How does His name connect to that?

12. How have you seen God fulfill His promises in your life?

Give
(your group serving each other)

Describe any oppression or suffering you are experiencing. Discuss how you can help each other through it. Be sure to pray for each other as you face it.