



GROUP ICE BREAKER

What was one of your childhood fears? How did you overcome it?

REVIEW LAST WEEK'S NEXT STEPS

What, if any, next step did you commit to last week, how did it go?

- I will learn how God can take an ordinary life and do the extraordinary.
- I will be faithful to God in the little things because they matter.
- I will ask God who he wants me to invite to this series.
- I will extend an invitation.

THIS WEEK'S SERMON RECAP

We continue to look at the life of Moses, talking about how we respond to God when he speaks to us. It's sometimes hard to hear God because he often doesn't speak in an audible voice. However, God speaks in a number of ways; through the Bible, other people, aligning circumstances, wise council, etc. God audibly spoke to Moses, he chose someone who was not distracted, and we should follow Moses' example, paying attention to what's going on long enough to hear God speak. Maybe God is waiting to give us direction, to speak to us and become real to us, but we're moving so fast that we don't even pay attention to God when he's there. I wonder how many times there have been little bushes on fire, but great callings were missed because someone didn't go over to see. Some of us refuse to hear what God is calling us to because we are living in guilt or shame over something from the past and you need to know the cross has made all of your mistakes irrelevant. Don't fear, for the ultimate promise of God is - there's nothing you and He can't handle together. You don't have to trust God perfectly, just enough to give Him what's in your hand. God created you uniquely, you are perfectly created for what He wants you to do. God is waiting, right now, for you and me. What is God calling you to do?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever felt God speak directly to you? Share with the group an experience you've had where you believe God spoke to you. How did you know it was God?
2. God used a burning bush to get Moses' attention. How has God tried to get your attention in the past? How long was it before you realized it was God?
3. Read Lamentations 3:25-26. What are the distractions in your life that keep you from slowing down enough to notice God? What can you do about those distractions that will allow you to "go over and see" when God is looking for your attention?

A person stands in a dark, rocky cave, looking out through a bright opening. The scene is dimly lit, with the light from the opening illuminating the person and the surrounding rock formations.

EXTRAORDINARY

HEARING GOD

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (CONT)

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5. Why is it difficult to live in the grace of God rather than the guilt and shame of our past? What has kept you bound in guilt that you can release to God grace? What can you do today to release it?
6. Read Joshua 1:5. God's promise of "I will be with you" is the ultimate promise that there is nothing you and God can't handle together. Do you believe this? Why or why not?
7. When God asked Moses what was in his hand, He was asking for Moses' trust. What's in your hand that God wants you to trust Him with to do something extraordinary thru you?
8. What is God speaking to you about, what is He telling you to do that you feel inadequate about? Are you ready to take a step of faith and trust Him?

NEXT STEPS FOR THIS WEEK (COMMIT TO GROW)

- I will take time to "go over and see" this week.
- I will approach fear-producing situations with confidence because God is with me.
- I will be obedient to God, trusting he will use an ordinary person to do the extraordinary.
- I will give God what is in my hand and trust him with the results.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Exodus 3:1-15
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