

# Community Group

Week of November 13

## Exodus 3-4

Today's big idea: Comfort Zones are hard to let go of.

- List out the seven Community Group Guidelines as a group.
- What is something you have that would be hard to let go of OR what is something you let go of even though it was really hard?

## Bible Study

- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.
- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of the call of Moses.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from Exodus 3:1-4:17 in the Bible.
  
- What caused God to speak to Moses through the burning bush?
- What was Moses focused on in his conversation with God?
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## Going Deeper

- What fears, insecurities or concerns do you have when you feel challenged by God to risk leaving your comfort zone?
- What would help you take the risk of leaving your comfort zone when God is challenging you?
- How could you help someone else that you notice might be stuck in a comfort zone?
- Close your time together by sharing prayer requests and praying for each other.



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## **COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDELINES**

### **Confidentiality**

Keeping things that are shared in the group confidential builds trust and shows value to the person. Confidentiality can prevent gossip that only values the story; Jesus always valued the person above their story or their sin.

### **Don't Rescue & Don't Fix**

When someone is sharing something deeply personal and/or painful there can be a tendency to try and make them feel better about themselves or the situation. Often this will cause people to stop sharing and results in their not going as deep as they might have gone. Resist the temptation to rescue people. Try to hear what people are sharing without trying to fix them. If they want your advice, they will ask for it. You may want to take time later to ask if you can offer some advice.

### **No Crosstalk**

Be considerate of others as they are sharing. Don't have side conversations. Trust is built in the moments when everyone feels like they are being listened to and heard by the entire group. Treat others in the group as you would want to be treated.

### **Use Humor Responsibly**

Fun is an essential part of Small Groups; however, when meeting in the Biblical Storytelling time keep sarcastic comments, jokes and laughter to a minimum to allow for an atmosphere of authenticity and vulnerability.

### **Give Everyone a Chance to Share**

Be sensitive to the amount of time you share. Encourage everyone to participate in group discussions.

### **Use "I" Statements**

During small group, we want to hear your personal thoughts and perspectives. Using "I" statements to answer discussion questions allows you to speak for yourself rather than generalizing by using terms such as "them", "the church", "us" or "we".

### **Fight for Relationship**

Relationships reaches a whole new level when conflict is resolved in a healthy manner. When conflict or sin issues arise between group members, commit to fight for the relationship and discuss the struggle with the person you are in conflict with or seek wise advice.

