

#### Exodus 3:1-11

1 Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. 3 And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." 4 When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." 5 Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." 6 And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. 7 Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, 8 and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 9 And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them.10 Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." 11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"

#### Exodus 2:11-15

11 One day, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and looked on their burdens, and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his people. 12 He looked this way and that, and seeing no one, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. 13 When he went out the next day, behold, two Hebrews were struggling together. And he said to the man in the wrong, "Why do you strike your companion?" 14 He answered, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid, and thought, "Surely the thing is known." 15 When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh and stayed in the land of Midian.

# Exodus 4:10-13

10 But Moses said to the Lord, "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue." 11 Then the Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? 12 Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak." 13 But he said, "Oh, my Lord, please send someone else."

### Exodus 3:13-15

13 Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" 14 God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.'" 15 God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

# Exodus 20:7

7 "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.



#### **ICE BREAKER**

Read the riddle out loud to your group. Give them some time to figure out the answer. To eliminate cheating, have everyone place their phones face down on the table.

**Riddle #1** What two things can you never eat for breakfast?

**Riddle #2** You see a boat filled with people, yet there is not a single person on board. How is that possible?

Riddle #3 Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?

Riddle #4 I do not speak, I cannot hear, but I will always tell the truth. What am I?

Riddle #5 What can go through glass without breaking it?

# **DISCIPLESHIP**

- Pastor Chris said that you can think of up to 60,000 thoughts a day. 80% of our thoughts are negative. In what areas in your life do you find this to be true?
- Read Exodus 3:1-11. What was Moses' focus throughout his encounter with God and how/why did it change?
- Throughout Moses' encounter with God he began to change his focus from God to himself. What are the situations in your life that cause you to lose your focus on God?
- Read Exodus 2:11-15. Moses had plenty of reasons to feel disqualified. Can you think of other people in the Bible who were "disqualified" by the worlds standards?
- Read Romans 3:23. Why does this truth demolish the "disqualified" stronghold?
- Read Exodus 4:10-13. Moses' deficiency was his speech. In your mind, what are the deficiencies in your life that keep you from what God is calling you to do?
- Read Exodus 3:13-15. What is God's name and how can this help your way of thinking about yourself?
- Read Exodus 20:7. What is the difference between using God's name in vain and taking His name in vain?
- On the cross, Jesus wore your name so that you can wear His. What does this mean?

### **EVANGELISM**

Think of someone in your life that struggles with believing the lies from the enemy about themselves. Reach out to them this week and speak truth into their life.

Remember, as you encounter people this week, share the Gospel and invite them to Vision.