

Accept or Decline?

Incoming Call...

Remind Me

Message



Decline



Accept

Small Group Discussion Guide: The Practice of 'Yes'

ICEBREAKER

- If you had to say "Yes" to everything your kids, friends, or coworkers asked of you for one full day, what is the absolute worst thing that would happen?

SAYING 'YES' TO GOD In the 2021 movie *Yes Day*, saying "yes" to every request leads to chaos—car washes with windows down, jail time, and trashed houses. Saying "yes" to God can feel just as intimidating, if not more so. We often wonder if we can truly trust where His call will lead us.

Read **Exodus 4:13–20** and **1 Samuel 3:9**.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Keeping Your Phone On (Availability) Moses made five excuses before finally accepting God's call, and young Samuel had to learn how to recognize God's voice with Eli's help.

- What makes it hard to "keep your phone on" and stay spiritually available to God in your everyday routine?
- What practices help you cultivate "eyes to see and ears to hear" when God is reaching out to you?

2. Answering the Call (Overcoming the Rut) Saying "yes" requires aligning your unique story, gifts, and mission with God's purpose. Without that alignment, it's easy to get stuck in empty pursuits or intentional wandering.

- Have you ever felt "stuck" in a season of life? Which of these three resonates most with where you've been: *an empty pursuit*, *intentional wandering*, or *an unaware drive*?
 - Go back to last week's message "Design: The Alignment of God's Call"
- What is one small step you can take to move from being stuck to active alignment with God?

3. Taking the First Step (Walking in the Call vs. Sitting in the Encounter) Moses went from a dramatic burning bush encounter to leading a difficult, "stiff-necked" group of people through the wilderness. Yet, that initial step led to moments of immense joy—like the Song of Deliverance (Ex. 15) and God's glory filling the Tabernacle (Ex. 40).

- Why do you think we prefer to "sit in the spiritual encounter" rather than actually "walk in the call"?

- How can spiritual encounters serve as encouragement *for the journey* rather than the final destination?

4. Carrying the Stick (God's Presence & Your Story) God transformed Moses' simple staff into a tangible reminder of His presence and authority. God uses the things we carry—even our past, our struggles, or our scars—for His glory.

- The sermon noted: *"The enemy wants to make your past shameful, but God wants it to be useful."* How have you seen God use a painful or messy part of your past to help someone else?
- Who are the "Heroes of Faith" in your life (like a praying parent or mentor) whose faith has sustained you when a task felt impossible?

5. Knocking Down Walls We often pray for God to "open a door," but expanding His kingdom sometimes requires us to step out in faith and knock down a wall instead (like Joshua at Jericho).

- Is there a situation in your life right now where you are waiting for an open door, but God might actually be calling you to stand firm and face a wall of resistance?

APPLICATION & PRAYER

Challenge your group to make today a personal "Yes Day" with God.

Group Prayer & Response:

- Go around the circle and give everyone a moment to pray this simple prayer aloud or in their hearts:
- *"Speak, Lord, your servant is listening. Whatever you ask, I'm in."*
- Pray over one another for courage to take the first step, trust in His presence, and open ears for the week ahead.