

## June 16, 2024 Sandy Hughes Exodus 4:18-31

- Moses had a call on his life. Do you believe that God has a call on your life?
  Explain.
- 2. In verses 1-13 Moses resisted the call on his life and gave God three excuses. What were the excuses? Do any of these resonate with you?
- 3. Sandy quoted Christopher Wright. ,"...for these reasons, it seems better to me that in seeking to "live the story" of this account of the call of Moses, we concentrate not on the signs woven into it but rather on the way God simply offers himself—his word, his promise, his power, his provision—in answer to all that Moses can throw up by way of his inadequacy, uncertainty, or inability." Discuss this quote as a group.
- 4. Read verses 18-31. Three very important qualities are revealed in Moses as he accepts his calling.
  - A. Surrender What is a hidden area of your life that you need to open up and surrender to God?
  - B. Trust What can we remember to think about in our past to assure us that in present difficult times God knows what he is doing and is faithful?
  - C. Obedience Moses' wife Zappora circumcised Moses' sons. Why was this an important act of obedience for Moses to learn? What is that next step of obedience for you?

- 5. We have learned that Moses and the Iraelites had a special intimate relationship with the LORD (Yahweh). What does it mean for us to not only have a relationship with the LORD (Yahweh), but also to have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ?
- 6. Sandy mentioned that God fulfilled His promises to us in Jesus Christ through blood and water. How is Christ's blood and our baptism in water foundational to our identity in Christ?
- 7. A calling of God is not just for those called to vocational ministry. A calling from God can be into any area of service. God has maybe called us to a type of secular work, a family, a charity, a form of service. Share some of the mysteries that surround a calling from God with your community group. Topics might include:
  - A. How do I identify a calling?
  - B. What are some of my fears and anxieties about a calling?
  - C. Where do surrender, trust and obedience enter into my calling from God
  - D. Pray for each other regarding God's calling on our lives