



SUNDAY+

WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?

EXODUS 3-4:13

ANNOUNCEMENTS

mValues Covenant Member Class - Sunday, October 4th - 11:30a-1p - Thinking of becoming a covenant member at Mosaic? This 90-min session will give you everything you need to make that decision:) Childcare is provided...we just need to know who needs it. Sign up on your communication card on Sunday or let the church office know!

RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN

What's something you did that you felt completely unqualified for before you did it?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Exodus 3-4:13 as a group. What immediately stuck out to you about it?

- 1) Moses had been in Midian for roughly 40 years when God appeared to him. What do you think 40 years of ordinary life had done to the man who once thought he could rescue Israel himself?** Can a long season of disappointment change what you're willing to believe God could still do with your life?
- 2) God says, "I have seen... I have heard... I know... I have come down to rescue them." God was fully aware of Israel's suffering even before He acted. How do we reconcile the truth that God sees and knows our suffering with the fact that He sometimes allows that suffering to continue?** How should this affect the way we trust God when we don't understand His timing?
- 3) Moses gives several different excuses: "Who am I?", "What authority do I have?", "What if they don't believe me?", "I don't have what it takes," and finally, "Send someone else." Which of these excuses do you think is most understandable?** Which one is most revealing about Moses' heart? Which one do you tend to give God?
- 4) "It's not so much our ability that God is concerned with but our availability."** Why is availability sometimes harder than ability? What does our reluctance to serve reveal about our priorities, fears, pride, or desire for control?
- 5) Moses asks, "Who am I?" God never really answers the question. He simply says, "I will be with you." Why do you think God refuses to build Moses' confidence in himself and instead talked about who He is?** Be honest...Who do you tend to trust more: You or God?
- 6) Which is more dangerous spiritually: thinking you're too important for God to use, or thinking you're too insignificant for God to use? Why?**
- 7) Moses' objections sound reasonable at first: "Who am I?" "What if they don't believe me?" "I'm not a good speaker." At what point does reasonable caution become disobedience?** How can you tell the difference between the wisdom that says "Not Yet" and the fear that says "Not Me"?
- 8) What "what if" scenarios most commonly keep people from taking faithful steps? What scenarios have tripped you up in the past?** What advice would you give someone else struggling with that same thing?
- 9) The sermon challenges the tendency to compare our gifts and abilities with those of other people. How can comparison become an excuse for disobedience? Have you sometimes used "someone else could do it better" as a reason not to participate?** What would change if we focused less on our limitations and more on God's ability to work through us?
- 10) Saying "YES" to God is the highest calling. Agree? Disagree? Discuss:)**

ACTION STEP

Moses had plenty of reasons why someone else should go. This week, identify **one thing you already know God is asking of you that you've been avoiding**. What's my excuse? What am I actually afraid of? What would obedience look like if I really believed, "I will be with you"?

Lastly: How can we pray as a group for you as a group? Be honest...