

Small Group Questions

Sermon Based Small Groups – January 29, 2012

Adult Education – Woodbury Community Church
Woodbury, Minnesota
Sermon Title: When God Chooses You

Notes:

Pray: Each week, we want to take time to lift up one another's prayer concerns. True Christians pray for one another. Take some time at the beginning of your small group time to pray for each other. Be real with each other. If you are hurting, take the risk and share how you are feeling with the group. If you have something that God has blessed you with this week, share it. Give Him the glory for what He is doing in your life. Record the prayer requests in the "Notes" section on the right of this page, and make a commitment to pray for the needs of the people in your group throughout the week.

Opening Questions: What are some of the things that you have been tasked with in your life that you felt most under qualified, unprepared and unworthy to accomplish? Have you ever felt like God gave you an assignment that was bigger than you were ready for?

Read and Discuss: In Exodus 3-4 we read the story of God's call on Moses to be the instrument that God would use to help deliver 2 million Jewish people out of slavery in Egypt. Read the following verses and answer the questions below.

Exodus 3:1-6

- Put yourself in Moses' sandals. What do you think you would have been feeling as you experienced the events of these verses?
- Why was Moses in the wilderness instead of in Egypt? (Hint: See Exodus 2:11-15). Have you ever found yourself in a place where you ran from everything and everyone you knew, only to have God pursue you and meet you there?

Exodus 2:24-25, Exodus 3:7-9

- What do these verses teach us about the heart of God?
- Why do you think God waited so long to respond to the cries of His people caught up in slavery in Egypt?

The Challenge

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Exodus 3:10

- Talk about a huge assignment! God has just tasked Moses with leading 2 million Jews out of slavery in Egypt and into the Promised Land. Moses is about to answer with five excuses as to why he cannot lead the people. Why do you think God chose Moses? What did God see in Moses that Moses couldn't see in himself?

The Search for Leaders – God is always on the lookout for spiritual leaders. Read the following verses and record what they teach you about leadership.

Verse	Leadership Lessons
Psalms 75:6-7	
1 Samuel 13:4	
Jeremiah 4:25; Jeremiah 5:1	
Ezekiel 22:30	
1 Timothy 3:1	
Acts 6:1-7	
2 Timothy 2:15, 22-26	

Read and Discuss: Pastor Brian talked about the five excuses that Moses gave God as to why he could not lead the Children of Israel out of bondage. Look at those excuses below and talk about how we might do the same thing today.

Excuse #1 - “Why me?” – (Exodus 3:11, 12)

Excuse #2 – “By What Authority?” – (Exodus 3:13-15)

Excuse #3 – “The What if’s?” – (Exodus 4:1-9)

Excuse #4 – Look at My Great Obstacle – (Exodus 4:10-12)

Excuse #5 – Send Someone Else – (Exodus 4:13-17)

Read and Discuss: Pastor Brian didn't preach on Exodus 4:18-31. Read these verses and discuss the following questions.

1. What do you think of the reason Moses gave Jethro for his going back to Egypt? (vs. 18)
2. Why do you think God wanted to take Moses' life? (vs. 24-26)
3. What does verse 31 teach us about God's promises?

Prayer: As you close in prayer commit to saying, “Yes,” to God's requests.