



Sermon Discussion Guide




Exodus: Staying Power

Exodus 2:23-3:15

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read Exodus 2:23-3:15. What stood out to you? What did you find interesting and/or important? What was challenging or caused you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 How familiar are you with the book of Exodus? What comes to mind most often when you think of the book?
- 2 What was your one main/big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

THE GOD WHO HEARS

- 3 *God enters into our pain.* How does knowing that God enters into your personal hurts change the way you view and experience suffering?
- 4 Recall Chad's illustrations about his father and his daughter. When was the last time you asked God to enter into your pain with you?

- 5 *God delivers us from slavery.* Read John 8:34. Why do you think the Bible uses slavery and deliverance from slavery as metaphors to describe our condition and salvation? Have you ever felt like a slave to sin? Have you ever experienced the joy that comes from being delivered from sin?

THE GOD WHO CALLS

- 6 *Ordinary people.* God chooses the weak, the frail, the broken, and the needy. How is this contrary to the way the rest of the world operates? Does this encourage you?
- 7 *Into an extraordinary mission.* God sometimes calls us into scary places, and into situations we don't understand. Has he ever done this to you?
- 8 *By miraculous means.* What did Chad mean when he said, "the Bible is our burning bush"? What implications does believing that have for us? Why were pulpits constructed so ornately in older churches?

THE GOD WHO IS

- 9 What did it mean to the Israelites when Moses told to them, "*I Am* has sent me"?
- 10 Read John 8:58-59. What was Jesus claiming in these verses? How is Jesus the ultimate Moses?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- † How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?