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Have a group member read **Exodus 3:1-15**

STUDY AND APPLY

1. What purpose does this “scene” in the life of Moses serve? How does it prepare us for what is to come?
2. How does Moses respond to God’s statements in 3:10? What does his actual response reveal? Is there a better way he could have responded in your opinion?
3. It is very easy to allow our identity—what gives us confidence, and how we feel about ourselves—to be anchored in all the wrong things. When Moses asks, “Who am I?” God responds with “I will be with you”. Our identity is founded on the truth that God is with us. When is believing this truth hardest for you? How might remembering God’s “I am with you” help you in those times when our confidence or self-worth is weakened?

“I AM WHO I AM”

God’s encounter with Moses reveals much about who God is. In vs. 15, the “I AM WHO I AM” reveals his name. “I AM” could be understood as God’s personal name. It broadly means that God is revealing himself as one who is unconstrained and undefined by external factors. He decides who he is. He will do and he will be exactly what he decides to do and be. God is radically free. He will not be formed by our imaginations or forced to do anything against his will. It means God is free to keep the promises he makes and has the power to deliver. He is dependable because no one will thwart his plans. He acts according to his character and his purposes every single time. He is unchanging and unchangeable. He is eternal, all-powerful, all-knowing, and self-sufficient. He sustains, governs, and directs all creation according to his will.

4. After reflecting on the above description, have some discussion on any or all of the following: Which aspect of God’s nature as “I AM WHO I AM” most excites you? Most comforts you? What causes you to doubt God? How does his name help you to answer those doubts? What attitudes or views about God do you need to change?
5. Summarize God’s words to Moses in our passage in one sentence. What’s the main point he expresses to Moses?
6. What attributes of God do you see in this week’s passage that particularly struck you? How should it change the way you pray, think, speak or act this week?

PRAY