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Have a group member (or 2) read **Exodus 3:10 - 4:17**

STUDY AND APPLY

1. Have you ever thought or said, “If God would just tell me explicitly what to do, I would do it”? How does the conversation between God and Moses at the burning bush challenge that statement? Why do we still hesitate to obey, even when the will of God is clear?
2. God responds to Moses’ credibility concerns by giving him three miraculous signs and an assurance of his deficiency of speech. What does Moses believe is necessary to serve God? What does God indicate is necessary?

Read the following excerpt from the sermon on Sunday and respond to next question:

“It’s in the midst of this passage we see God’s anger. God calls Moses to a position of trust and Moses says: ‘Oh, my Lord, please send someone else. Is God growing frustrated? Does he have a short fuse? Is he surprised? The clue can be found in what Moses says immediately before we learn of God’s anger. When Moses says, ‘Oh, my Lord, please send someone else’ he moves from insecurity to rebellion. There is a time when it is good and appropriate to ask God all kinds of questions. But, then there is a time when we know what God wants and we have to respond. It’s time to stop asking and start obeying. Moses is wrestling with God’s claim on his life—he’s trying to figure out if obedience to who God is the only way. He’s calling him Lord but he’s not treating him as Lord. Moses wants to have his cake and eat it too, so to speak. He wants to confess God as Lord but wants to still live his life how he sees fit. Moses’ continued concerns became excuses to cover up the fact that he just didn’t want to do what God was asking him to do.”

3. God responds to Moses’ fifth objection with anger. Does this surprise you? Why or why not? What does it mean to treat God as ‘Lord’? If what Moses is doing is considered rebellion, how are you prone to rebel from God in similar ways?
4. Moses fears two things 1) That he doesn’t know how to speak well, and 2) That people don’t know how to listen well. How does God answer these fears?
5. The surest signs which God has given to us of his reality and his character are the cross and the empty tomb. How does/should this shape the way we trust in God day-to-day?
6. Is the Lord presently calling you to some difficult act of obedience? Are you making excuses or moving forward?

PRAY