



EMBRACE HIS PURPOSE

Exodus 3-4

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WARMING UP

1. "Why am I here?" is one of the biggest questions that people grapple with. What are some of the most common responses that you have heard? Why is it impossible to adequately answer this question without God in the equation?

DIGGING IN

Embrace God's purpose for your life!

2. *Be motivated by who he is (3:1-6, 13-22).* Moses responds to God's presence with genuine fear. How is this totally appropriate? Would you agree that the church lacks a healthy fear of God? How so? God introduces himself as I AM or YHWH (Yahweh). Unpack this unique name. What does it mean or indicate? How do Moses' credibility and influence and power come from Yahweh, rather than himself? Why is this important?
3. *Be aware of why he's called you (3:7-9).* What are the two categories of needs that every person has? What is God's normal strategy to see these needs met? Why do believers often emphasize one category of need over the other? What does this mean for you?
4. *Be certain of what you're to do (3:10-12).* How does Matthew 28:19 provide the big picture objective for every Christ follower? What are we called to do? Pick a few specific serving roles within the church. How do these roles tie back to the big picture objective? Why is it crucial to understand this connection?
5. *Be done with the excuses (4:1-26).* What excuses does Moses offer to keep from embracing God's purpose? Pastor Todd highlighted a long list of excuses that people give for not serving God. Have you ever used any of them? Why do we attempt to excuse ourselves from working for Christ? How does the strange episode in v. 24-26 reinforce the significance of obedience to God's commands?
6. *Be ready for God to work (4:27-31).* How does God work through Moses? What is the Israelites' fourfold response? Tim Keller writes, "God does not merely send the church in mission. God already is in mission, and the church must join him." What are the implications of this statement in your life?

BREAKING OUT

7. Are you clear about God's purpose for your life? If not, what is still fuzzy? If so, what is it? And to what degree are you embracing his purpose? How can you help each other live out God's purpose more fully?