

Applying It In My LifeGroup time - 25 minutes

1. While God saw Moses as the perfect person to face Pharaoh and speak the Word of the Lord, Moses saw himself as a political fugitive and a poor communicator who had no business facing Pharaoh. Give examples of how God can see us one way and we can see ourselves very differently. What can we do to increase our ability to see ourselves from God's perspective?

2. God always was, is and will be; He calls himself "I AM," the self-existent one. How can embracing the reality that the God we worship is the eternal "I AM" help you face the challenging moments of a normal day? How do you desire to experience God's presence, power and plan in your life today?

3. One of the best things we can do is to say "yes" to God, even when we do not feel adequate. Tell about a time when you dared to say yes to God, even when you were afraid. How did God show up and lead you? If you feel prompted by God to serve His people – whether it be in the children's ministry, youth, small groups, or others – be open to this. You may be fearful or concerned about making a commitment, but God is calling all of us to action. How can your table group pray for you and encourage you as you seek God's leading in this area?

Prayer TimeGroup time - 15 minutes

Thank God that He uses each of us, limited, ordinary, and broken people to accomplish His purposes in this world. Ask God to help you see yourself through His eyes more than through your own eyes. Confess where you have refused to follow God out of fear and pray for greater courage in the future to step out in faith and take action.

Finish your prayer time by praying for the needs of those in your *Growth Group*. Take a few minutes to share prayer requests. Ask someone in the group to record your prayers so you can see in future weeks where God is answering your prayers.

THE STORY *A Tool In God's Hand*

- Tools have a PURPOSE – to accomplish a task or fix a problem.

Moses Is An Unlikely Tool

Exodus 1-2

- The key is WHO is using the tool.

Moses Is A Tool in God's Hand

Exodus 3-5

Moses Is a Powerful Tool

Exodus 7-11

- God reveals His POWER against the Egyptian gods through the plagues

Moses Is Used to Accomplish God's Plan

Exodus 12

- God reveals His plan of REDEMPTION through the shedding of blood.

- God's plan requires FAITH, demonstrated in obedience.

- God's plan is the DELIVERANCE of His people, both then and now.

- Jesus is our PASSOVER Lamb

GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

Week of October 7-13, 2013

Getting Started.....Group time - 15 minutes

1. During this Fall *Growth Group* session we want each group to plan a social. Take a few minutes to talk about what you might like to do as a group. We also encourage you to be a part of a community outreach project. This could include *Operation Christmas Child* or another project of your choice. Where are you interested in participating as a group?
2. Talk about a person you know who has overcome obstacles and accomplished surprising things. What about that person encourages you? How do you desire to be more like that person?

FOR GROWTH GROUP TIME

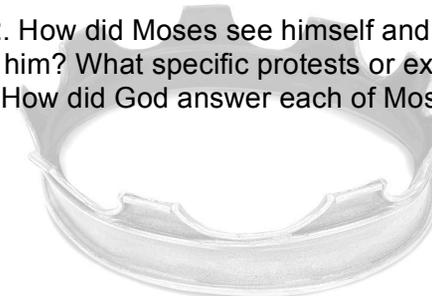
Getting Into God's WordGroup time - 35 minutes

Read *The Story, Chapter 4* (In preparation to answer questions)

1. What was the condition of the people of God at the time of Moses' birth? What was significant about Moses' birth? In what ways was Moses qualified to lead the people of God? In what ways did Moses feel he was unqualified?

2. God is dramatically active in His people's deliverance – He is engaged and He cares. Read Exodus 3:1-10. Looking specifically at verses 7-10, what do you learn about God in the following areas:
 - What did God see, hear, and feel?
 - What did God say *He* would do?
 - What did God call *Moses* to do?

3. Read Exodus 4:10-12. How did Moses see himself and his abilities and how did God see him? What specific protests or excuses did Moses offer to God? How did God answer each of Moses' protests?



4. Look at God's description of Himself in Exodus 6:1-8 (note the "I will" phrases). What is Moses focused on? What is God focused on? What components do we see here of God's Upper Story – His continued plan to build a nation and provide a way for each of us back to Him?
5. Read Exodus 12:21-28. How is Passover an ancient sign pointing to the death of Jesus on the cross as the final Lamb of God who will take away the sins of the world? The Feast of Passover was to be a perpetual reminder of how God delivered Israel. What are the parallels between our Communion and the Passover Feast?