

## Lets Go Wk. 2

### **Intro**

Opening Question: What is the most difficult thing in your life you have ever had to do?

*[Leaders, I encourage you to begin the conversation yourself and be vulnerable and real with your group. This will set the tone for a more vulnerable response than “a test at school,” etc.]*

There are tasks God has given us to do that seem impossible to enthusiastically say, “Let’s go!” When Jesus says, “Take up your cross and follow me,” that’s not something I always get excited about. Or when He tells us to serve others and not ourselves. Or when He says we will suffer for His name.

However, some of the most difficult times in my life have also been the most meaningful. Those times have grown my dependence upon God and my trust in Him. That being said, there are many times in my life when I have said “No” to what God has called me to do because of my fear, or doubt, or uneasiness about His plan. It makes me wonder what blessings I have missed out on in those moments.

This weekend, as we think about the huge task of reaching our friends or family for Jesus, the task may seem impossible. We find Moses in a similar situation in Exodus 3-4.

During our Bible studies, we are looking at three people from the Old Testament whom God has called to “go.” Each had a much different response. Jonah said, “Here I am, I won’t go.” Now we are going to look at the story of Moses, who said, “Here I am. Send someone else!” Let’s read the story and dig into his response.

### **Bible**

(Suggestion, assign different students throughout your group to read the separate passages. Or if it’s a long passage break it up to involve different students)

Exodus 3:1-12

Exodus 4:1-17

### **Discussion Questions**

#### **1. What is God’s plan for His people, according to this passage? What do we learn about God’s motives?**

Notes: In Exodus chapters 3 and 4, we see God moving into action to liberate His people. And so God initiates His plan with Moses while he is herding sheep in the middle of nowhere. He comes to Moses and says, “Hey, I have a plan—I am going to rescue my people.” God says, “I see my people, I hear their cries, I know their pain.” The Hebrew word “know” means that God is intimately acquainted with their pain and circumstances. God’s plan is driven by His mercy and compassion for His people.

## 2. How does Moses respond to God's assignment, and why (3:11-13)?

Notes: God says, "And you know what, I want to use YOU Moses—let's ride to Egypt, let's change the world!" Moses' response should have been "Let's Go!" However, Moses is keenly aware of his limitations. Moses would have remembered his days in Egypt in the household of Pharaoh. The task must have seemed impossible. So for two chapters in Exodus, he makes excuses. Why? Because Moses is focused on *his* power, *his* resources, and *his* plan. Moses knew the need that existed, but he just couldn't see himself being used by God to meet that need.

Moses has an absolutely MASSIVE task and LIMITED resources, and we know that it equals IMPOSSIBLE. And this is the point where I am supposed to tell you that Moses is wrong and you can do anything. But here is the reality: MOSES IS RIGHT. The plan is impossible for Moses ... in his own strength. But Moses forgets he is talking to GOD!

## 3. What excuses does Moses give to avoid attempting what God has called him to do? Fill out the chart below with the excuse Moses gives and God's response.

Notes:

Excuse	God's Response
Exodus 3:11; "Who am I?" I am not qualified.	But I am with you.
Exodus 4:1; They will not listen to me.	It is not up to you, I will convince them with my power (miraculous signs). They will see my power through you.
Exodus 4:10; I do not have the ability.	I know how I created you, and I will give you what you need to accomplish what I have given you to do. I created you and your weaknesses so that people would see me.
Exodus 4:13; Someone else is better .	I know what I have created others to do. Don't worry about them, do what I have uniquely prepared for you to do.

## 4. Have you ever thought or said, "If God would just tell me explicitly what to do, I would do it?" How does the story of Moses and the burning bush challenge that statement? Why do we still hesitate to obey, even when the will of God is clear?

## **5. What does Moses believe is necessary to serve God? What does God indicate is necessary?**

Notes: Moses thinks in order to serve, it must be in his own strength. But God wants us to look up and see His greatness and His power and His unlimited resources.

I love how God isn't like, "Moses, look at you." He didn't say, "Moses, here is a mirror. Look into it and repeat after me: *You are special.*" He didn't say, "Moses, close your eyes and visualize Pharaoh's palace and visualize taking him down ... how does that make you feel?"

No, God just says, "I will be with you." God knows Moses is limited, but He also is basically saying, "I never expected you to do this on your own." The only thing necessary to do what God has called us to do is to trust Him.

### **APPLICATION**

#### **1. Which of Moses' excuses do you relate to the most? How does God's response to Moses help you to say, "Let's go!" to His call?**

Note: God's response reminds us to stop preaching our shortcomings to God, and start preaching God to our shortcomings. Stop making excuses, stop letting insecurity or fear rob you of faith, and take that first step into whatever God is calling you to do. Moses didn't have to have all of the answers, he just had to say, "Let's Go!"—to take that first step toward Egypt and God's plan. What does that look like for you?

#### **2. Read Matthew 28:18-20. What is the mission Jesus has given to every one of us? How would you say you have responded to His call? What does Jesus say in this passage to give us courage to go and make disciples?**

### **PRAYER OF RESPONSE**

*To close the study, ask students to think about something difficult they know God is calling them to do. Have them pray silently and confess their fears and feelings of inadequacy to the Lord. Have them boldly ask God to give them the trust in Him and courage to say "Let's Go!" to whatever He has called them to do.*