Exodus Answering Life's Greatest Call- Week #5 Small Group Notes September 3 and 6

Main Point: As God draws us out to draw us in, we not only recognize God's voice in our lives but begin to embrace His call upon our lives to the kingdom and then to serve!

Introduction:

What is the difference in learning something through a phone call versus a voicemail? What are times that we can sometimes try to send God to voicemail?

Share about a time when you had to take on a task you felt unqualified to accomplish. How did you respond to the task? What did you learn from that experience?

In today's discussions, we are going to learn what it means to answer God's call through the "rings" in our lives.

Discuss:

- 1. The first ring reminds us that God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things.
 - Read Exodus 3:10-12. Moses doubted himself.
 - Read Exodus 3:13-14. Moses doubted the success of the mission.

What excuses do you give God most often? How have you seen God answer those?

- 2. The second ring reminds us that everything we are not, God is!
 - Read Exodus 4:1-5. Moses doubted God's power

What is in your hand that you are not willing to lay down? What does it mean that disobedience costs us far more than we ever realized?

- 3. The third ring reminds us that obedience is rooted in faith that unleashes the power of God.
 - Read 2 John 1:6

Is your life marked by faith rooted in love? If not, what are practical steps you can take to show a life marked by faith?

- 4. The fourth ring reminds us that our past has been restored so we can step in God's future for us.
 - Read Exodus 4:6-7 and 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Has there ever been a time that you felt paralyzed from obeying the Lord? How can your group help you during these times?

In what way is your past keeping you from answering the call?

- 5. The fifth ring is a clear reminder that we are not responsible for the results.
 - Read Exodus 4:8-9.

How do results of the past bring about fear in our lives today? Is there are circumstance that you are trying to control the results instead of trusting in the Lord?

- 6. The sixth ring reminds us not to let our excuses keep us from the power of God!
 - Read Exodus 4:10-12 and 1 Corinthians 1:26-28.

What are excuses that we sometimes give for not following through on something? What do we learn from Moses' story as to how God answers our excuses?

- 7. The seventh ring reminds us that our excuses ultimately bring God's anger.
 - Read Exodus 4:13-17.

Have you ever seen a parent get fed up with excuses for a child not doing what they were asked to do? How does that look similar here?

What does it mean for you that God's kingdom is for servants, not consumers?

- 8. The final ring reminds us that inside the covenant is life, freedom, and whole new desires.
 - Read Exodus 4:24-26 and Colossians 2:9-12.

How do we see God's grace on display in this moment?

How should God's grace motivate us to not simply stand aside but to move forward in our walk with Christ?

Do:

Is your life marked by obedience motivated by faith?

What does it mean for you to answer the call today?