

God is in control no matter what the circumstances

God always chooses the right point person: God's view of Moses

God's name

God will accomplish his plan

Discussion questions:

1. Tell about a time you were minding your own business, going through your normal Lower Story life, and God showed up, revealed himself, or spoke to you in some surprising way.
2. God is dramatically active in his people's deliverance—he is engaged, he cares (Exodus 3:1-10; The Story, pp. 45-46). 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. How did Moses see himself and his abilities and how did God see him (Exodus 4:10-12, The Story, pp. 46-47)? Tell about a conversation you had with God that may have sounded something like the one Moses had in this passage.
4. While God saw Moses as the perfect person to face Pharaoh and speak the word of the Lord to the leader of Egypt, Moses saw himself as a political fugitive and a poor communicator who had no business facing the king. 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?
5. Randy suggested that the best thing we can do is to say yes to God, even when we do not feel adequate for the task ahead. Tell about a time when you dared to say yes and followed God, even when you were afraid. How did God show up and lead you?
6. God always was, is, and will be; he calls himself "I AM", the self-existent one (Exodus 3:14, the Story, p. 46). 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?
7. What is one area of your life where you tend to focus more on your limitations than God's ability to work through you?
8. How is Passover (Exodus 12:1-24, The Story, pp.51-52) 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?

Homework: Part of faith is taking action. If you feel prompted by God to sing on the praise team or play an instrument in worship, open your schedule and start practicing. If you feel God is calling you to the mission field, go on a short-term mission trip or contact a missions organization or talk to CrossPoint's missions team (or some other action that will help you prepare). We are called to surrender to the leading of the Lord but also to take action. God will do his part, but we need to do our part. God called Moses, but Moses had to head to Egypt and stand before Pharaoh.

For next week, read Chapter 5 of the Story (Exodus 19-20, 24-25, 32-34, 40)