How is this supported by the context in *Colossians 1:15-20?* 

From *Exodus 4:22-23*, how are God's people known as firstborn in comparison to other people?

How should this encourage us in our relationship with God? *Ephesians 1:3-5* 

5. What had Moses neglected to do for his son when he was born? *Exodus 4:24,26, Genesis 17:9-14* 

Why would this be important before he accomplished his mission?

How did Zipporah rescue her husband?

- 6. What encouragements did God give to Moses as he stepped out in faith? (Exodus 4:18-31) Which of these would have been encouraging to you and why?
- 7. Having Aaron along was a challenge but also very encouraging to Moses. Who is an encouragement to you as you serve the Lord?

How can you be an encouragement to someone who is serving?

## Taking it Home-

Spend time praying with and for each other (*Philippians 1:9-11*) Pray again for our church, its future, and this year of ministry.

God's Way Out

## "Learning the Hard Way!" Exodus 4:18-31

# Learning lessons from the Lord...

1. The <u>call</u> of God does not erase the need for human <u>courtesy</u>.

Exodus 4:18

Ephesians 6:2

2. The Lord will give you all you <u>need</u> to overcome your <u>fears</u>.

Exodus 4:19-21

Joshua 1:6-9

II Timothy 1:7

3. It really is all about <u>Jesus</u> and being in God's <u>family</u>.

Exodus 4:22-23

Hosea 11:1

Matthew 2:15

Firstborn- Preeminent one not chronological one

Hebrews 12:23

Colossians 1:15-20

Exodus 4:24-26

Genesis 17:9-14

*I Peter 4:17* 

James 4:17

John 13:17

Romans 14:22-23

Psalm 119:9-11

I Corinthians 5:9-13

I Corinthians 6:9-11

Isaiah 55:7-9

5. Learning the Lord's lessons come in <u>community</u> and results in <u>worship</u>.

Exodus 4:27-31

Romans 12:1-2

So What...

How are you doing on your lessons?

## What was your take-away from Sunday?

(A particular point, challenge, encouragement or question)

#### **Getting Connected**

(A possible opening question to start your group)

What jobs or responsibilities do you dread having to finish?

#### **Going Further- Growing in Christ**

1. New memory verse for the month-"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come." II Corinthians 5:17

This week pray for Barry Maique as he shares Christ in public schools in the Philippines, starts Bible clubs in schools, and develops youth ministries in churches.

Share something from your Personal Time with God.

- 2. Which of the five "lessons" from Sunday do you need most to keep "working" on? (Extra credit this week if you look up all the cross references from the sermon notes
- 3. Moses showed respect to his father-in-law. Why do you think Moses did not explain fully the purpose in going back to Egypt?
- 4. What does it mean that Jesus is the firstborn of all creation? (Colossians 1:15)