

# SCRIPTURE CARD GUIDE FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

"MOSES - PREPARING THE WAY AMIDST FEAR" DECEMBER 03

## SERIES OVERVIEW:

After Adam and Eve's fall into sin, they received a promise that the Lord would not leave them in their brokenness. He would provide a Savior. He would prepare the way. Yet how God chooses to work is often surprising. God used people like Moses, Elijah, John the Baptist, and the disciples - who struggled with fear, doubt, anxiety, and depression - to prepare the way for the one who would ultimately come and save his people. In the birth of Jesus, we see God once again bringing about his plan in the most unlikely of ways. As followers of Jesus our broken lives have also been swept up in God's plan of redemption. He has placed us in this specific place and time to prepare the way for Him into the hearts of those around us. Not only will He do this in spite of our brokenness, but perhaps our brokenness is the very thing He will use to shine the power of His glory through us.

Follow the directions below for a guided group discussion with a friend, in a family, small group, etc. Grab a Scripture Card (printed or electronic) and simply follow steps from 1 to 6 on this page and the next.

1

### PRAY

About 1 minute

Open in prayer.

2

### BIG IDEA

A minute to read

God promised redemption for His people, and yet in Exodus the people of Israel are in crisis. God's chosen people are in bondage to slavery. God appears to Moses and sends him to free His people. Moses' reaction is filled with fear. Rather than focusing on God and His promises, his eyes are stuck on his own fears of inadequacy. God gives Moses both the tools and the faith to accomplish His will through him. He does the same for us. God doesn't wait for us to get rid of our fear, but he gives us the very faith and promises to transcend even amidst our deepest fears.

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### CONNECT

About 10 minutes

Share a high and a low since the group last met.

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**11** Then the Lord asked Moses, "Who makes a person's mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the LORD? **12** Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say." - Exodus 4:11-12

**Reflect**  
Read the full passage in your Bible - Exodus 3:16-4:12.  
What is something that is grabbing your attention from the passage and why?  
Notice how God calls and Moses resists. What is happening with Moses? What's getting in the way (Moses' reasons) of responding to God's call?  
How does God respond to Moses' concerns and fears?

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### DISCIPLE LIFE DISCUSSION

About 45-50 minutes. Read the Scripture above and discuss the questions there. Additional questions below.

Moses gives 5 reasons for not answering the call of God: I'm not adequate for the task (Ex 3:11); I don't know enough (Ex 3:13), People won't take me seriously (Ex 4:1), I'm no good with words (Ex 4:10), I'm not willing (Ex 4:13). Consider if you were to hear God say, "So now go. I am sending you..." (Ex 3:10). Reflect on what situation or relationship or ministry opportunity you think God might be sending you to prepare the way for Jesus. Like Moses, what worries or concerns come to your mind? Is it difficult or easy to trust God in these situations? Describe.

Read Matthew 14:22-31. Peter sinks when he shifts his focus to the storm rather than Jesus. Moses and Peter's worry and fear overshadowed their trust in God and what God can do. What 3 things are most filling you with worry or fear today?

What attributes of God are helpful for you to reflect on as you consider these fears? How does your perspective change as you shift your focus from the "waves" and "what if's" to trust in God?



### DISCUSSION HELP:

Use follow-up questions to take the discussion deeper. Guide answers to be honest and real.

**Can you say more about that?**

**How have you seen that play out in your life?**

**What does that stir up in you?**

**Has anyone else had a similar thought or experience?**

**What might God be inviting you to do?**

**5 PRAY:**

*About 15 minutes*

Read the prayer prompts and allow for a time of reflection.

The leader can open the prayer and then invite the group into a time of popcorn prayer to speak aloud the fears or worries they have on their hearts. Then the leader may shift the prayer to a time of popcorn prayer to offer up attributes of God and who He is. Close the prayer by reading Psalm 34:1-8.

## THE [DISCIPLE] LIFE

### Pray

Notice your own concerns and fears when it comes to following Jesus. Talk to God about that. Listen for his response.

Invite God to drive out your fears and give you courageous faith to follow him.

Thank God that his grace, his strength, and his power are available to you!

### Live It Out

*Write down the three things in your life that are most filling you with fear. Read Deuteronomy 31:8 and pray this scripture over those three things, asking God to help you fix your eyes on him. His perfect Love drives out fear!*

**Jesus, thank you for inviting me  
into this LIFE of following you today!**

**6****LIVE IT OUT:**

*About 2 minutes*

Read the "Live It Out" section and invite the group to take the steps noted.