



# Crossroads The Story Discussion Guide

## “Deliverance”

Week of: January 27, 2019

*Be careful when you say “I could never.”*

This week we enter the second book of the Bible – Exodus, which continues the story of God’s redemptive plan through God’s chosen people. If you don’t have The Story book, you can read Exodus chapters 1-7 and 10-17.

**OPEN YOUR GROUP WITH A PRAYER. THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE – SELECT THE POINTS YOU WANT TO DISCUSS.**

1. When God calls Moses from the burning bush and reveals he will be sending Moses to speak to the mighty pharaoh of Egypt Moses feels inadequate. Moses begs God to select some else. Instead God tells Moses he will empower him and also raise up his brother Aaron to help him. Have you ever felt God was calling you to work for God in the world, but been fearful that you could not accomplish what God was asking of you? At those times, have you ever discovered strengths you did not know you had either in yourself or in those in the community around you that helped you live into God’s purpose?
2. When Moses asked for God’s “official” name, God replied: I AM WHO I AM. Why do you think God identified himself that way? What is the significance of that name? What does this name for God tell us about God?
3. You may never have seen a burning bush, but you probably have experienced “standing on holy ground” – a time when you definitely felt the presence of God in your life? What was that like? How can that experience help you as you face the daily challenges in your life?

### **Diving Deeper**

1. God is dramatically active in his people’s deliverance-he is engaged, he cares (Exodus 3:1-10, The story, pp. 45-46). What does this teach us about God?
2. 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.
3. 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?
4. Part of faith is taking action. If you feel prompted by God to serve at Crossroads or with a ministry partner, who do you need to talk to to make it happen? What kind of action will help you prepare to serve?

### **Read for Next Session**

Take time before your next group meeting to read chapter 4 of The Story.