



# God's Story Our Mission Week 3-

## Knowing God's Name for God's Mission

### *Participant's Guide*

#### *In this guide you will find:*

- Objectives for study – after watching the video, use this to bridge the video content and the discussion questions
- Discussion questions for each part of this week's study
- Related scripture references for reflection

#### Part 1:

**Objective:** Our aim is to learn how God distinguishes himself from all false gods and those who falsely claim to be god. Our aim is not to know about God in the abstract but to see how he is personally known by his name and his special commitments to his people. The mission of God in exodus shows us that God is more concerned with showing us how different he is from all others who claim to be god than just simply teaching there is one god. God is less concerned with arithmetic than he is showing us that he is the only God by how he personally makes himself known.

#### **Discussion questions:**

**1. The Bible as a whole—but the book of Exodus in particular—shows us that a generic belief in God is not fully biblical or Christian. We don't believe in a god, even if there is only one god. We believe in Yahweh alone who is truly God. How comfortable are we speaking about God in his specific character traits and historical actions found in the Bible? Or, do we see ourselves getting stuck with speaking generically about God?**

**2. When Yahweh commissioned Moses at the burning bush in Exodus 3, Moses was filled with insecurities. Moses tried to dodge God's call on account of his human weakness and self doubt. What are your insecurities that might keep you from wanting to be part of God's mission? How does God's response to Moses help us stay confident in the face of self doubt?**

**3. How do the themes of knowing God in personal relationship connect back to the themes of weeks 1 and 2? What connections can we make between the lessons so far?**

## Part 2:

**Objective:** Our aim here is to learn what it means that Yahweh calls himself a go'el, a redeemer. We want to appreciate that this is the main pattern for the Gospel and Yahweh as redeemer is ultimately how we are to understand Jesus' work in the New Testament. Our part in God's mission is to point to and Celebrate God's actions which makes his name known to the world.

### **Discussion Questions:**

**1. Exodus 1-15 introduces us to the major theme of the Bible that Yahweh is known specifically as a go'el, a redeemer. This is central to how we know God because he will act as redeemer again and again in the bible and ultimately through Jesus in the climax of his Gospel work. How do we understand all the different dimensions of God at work in our lives as go'el through Jesus?**

**2. Think together in your group. Can you list different ways that Jesus' work is patterned after the exodus story? How is the pattern of the exodus a helpful way for us to witness to the gospel work of God in Jesus?**

**3. For Yahweh to be a go'el, it means he has committed to be a family champion for his people. How comfortable are we at connected our own individual stories of faith, where God is our redeemer in Christ, to the history of God's people in the bible? Do we feel it is relevant to make this connection in our witness to Yahweh as our Redeemer? Why or why not?**

**4. After skimming through Exodus 1-15, is God's mission successful in the story? Who all comes to acknowledge Yahweh as God?**

## **For Further Exploration**

6; Isaiah 42:8-9, 43:1-7,45; Ezekiel 36:16-38; Matthew 5:9-13, 28:18-19; John 17; Romans10:5-13; Philippians 2:5-11.

## **For Next Time:**

For next time: Read Exodus 19:1-6, Leviticus 19, Deuteronomy 4:1-14, 28:1-14, 32-33.