



IMMANUEL CHURCH

Conversation Starter: What's in a name?
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Opening Questions:

- Names have meaning; either because of what the name actually means or because of a famous or important individual a person was named after. What is the meaning of your name? How has the meaning or significance of your name affected you?

Looking at Scripture:

- Read **Exodus 3:1-15**. In this passage, God reveals himself to Moses in an amazing way as He shows up in a burning bush that is not consumed and then literally speaks to Moses. What do you think it would have been like to have been there? What thoughts, feelings, emotions do you think you would have had?
- In **Exodus 3:1-6, 14-15** we see that even in your wandering God still cares for you! Moses had committed murder back in Egypt and was now wandering in the wilderness because of it.
 - In what ways do you see God caring for Moses in these verses? What was significant about the LORD calling Moses by his name twice?
 - Why is important that Moses understood the One who revealed Himself in the burning bush as both God (Elohim) and LORD (YHWH)? What do we learn about God when He reveals Himself as "I AM who I AM?"
- Read **Exodus 3:11,13** and **Exodus 4:1,10,& 13**. In these passages, we see that even in your self-doubt God still calls to you.
 - What excuses did Moses give to God for not being able to be used by Him? Which of these or what kinds of other excuses do you find yourself giving to God when he calls you to do something?
- Read **Exodus 3:7-10**...In these verses we see that even in your weakness God still comes for you.
 - In what ways does God come near to His people in these verses? What are some ways God has "seen, heard, and shown His concern" for you?

Application Questions:

- The bottom line this week was: **Even when you aren't sure about you, God is still sure about you!** How does knowing that God "is still sure about you" affect the way you look at your past mistakes, your present circumstances, and your future hopes and dreams?
- Often what we want from God is clarity, but what He wants from us is trust. Have you found this statement to be true in your life recently? In what ways do you sense God is calling you to trust in Him more than seek clarity from Him?

End your time together praying for one another; pray God helps you trust Him even more than giving you clarity about your situation. End your time by praising God for who He is!