

Discussion Guide

Heart Check: Messengers wk4 Mumbling Messenger, Moses

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Big Idea

God invites us to be His messenger despite our past or how we view ourselves.



Icebreaker

Next Monday is already Memorial Day weekend! Anyone have any Memorial Day plans? Share.



Discussion Questions

1. Summarize, with the help of the following statements, Moses' life up until God meets him at the burning bush. Born a s_____, raised a p_____, escaped Egypt as a m_____, working as a s_____. Based on this, why did Moses have a complex life, particularly when it came to him understanding his own identity? Fill in & share (where you feel comfortable) some of these blanks of your own life. Has your life felt complex based upon some of this? Why or why not? How have you dealt with that?
2. Read Exodus 3:1-6. What did Moses do with his face? The sermon had us consider that may have been more because he feared God seeing the real him (guilt & shame from his past). Why or why not does that concept make sense to you? Have you ever felt, or are you currently feeling, scared to have God see the real you? If comfortable, share why you felt/feel that way. What is ridiculous about thinking we can hide from God? Fill in our statement from wk2 (Jonah) of this series: "God would rather f_____ than p_____." How does this statement speak into one's desire of wanting to hide from God out of fear, guilt, & shame?
3. Read Exodus 3:7-9. We know that the Israelites had been enslaved 400 years before God did anything to rescue them. Are you in a situation that, from your perspective, has dragged on way too long? What is it (if you feel comfortable sharing)? Revisit Exodus 3:7-9 and pick out some things we read about God here that can help us to continue trusting Him in these long-standing troubles.
4. Read Exodus 3:10-12. What question here does Moses ask God? How does God answer? What is significant about the way God answers Moses? How may God's answer of Moses (which would be His same response to us regarding anything He has asked us to do) help us when we feel overwhelmed or unqualified for the task, or the ask, at hand? Share any current situation you feel overwhelmed with?
5. Read Exodus 3:13-14. God's simple, yet powerful, naming of Himself as "I AM" communicates He has always been and will always be. We believe, as Christians, that He made everything, including us. So, when it comes to your own identity who has the right to describe it? What are some things, based on what God did for you through Christ & based on what God has said in His Word (the Bible) about you that describe your true identity in Christ?



Concluding Question

In this series we looked at 3 Biblical messengers. Jonah, who had many things in his heart that didn't align with God's heart, yet God still pursued & used him. Esther, who pushed through fear to become a brave messenger for God. And Moses, who due to his complicated past, did not see himself as being usable for God's service, but learned otherwise. With which messengers do you most relate & why?



Application

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?



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