# SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE / JANUARY 26 to apply, not rehash, the sermon



### Read

Read Exodus 3:1-14 and consider making some observations about the passage.

#### **Sermon Recap**

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- "In ALL the great movements in the Bible, God is the one who takes the initiative."
- "God comes in response to his people's cries, and that's why we have to be serious about prayer."
- "Because God took the initiative, he was responsible to supply all the power."
- "It is from the place of your brokenness that you most often become an instrument of healing."
- "Moses says to God, 'Who am I?' God says to Moses, 'It doesn't matter who you are. It matters who I AM.'"

#### **Group Discussion**

Before beginning the discussion, take a moment to pray as a group for God to save someone you know.

- 1. Read Exodus 3:7-8. How do these verses show God taking the initiative in the story? Why is this significant?
- 2. Pastor J.D. emphasized the importance of prayer from verse 7. How have you experienced God moving in response to prayer in your own life?
- 3. Can you share about a time when God used a place of personal brokenness or struggle to minister to others?
- 4. Why do you think Moses struggled to believe God could use him? How do you relate to his insecurities?
- 5. How does understanding God as the "I AM" give you confidence in the face of your own weaknesses and inadequacies?
- 6. Just as God provided deliverance for Israel through Moses, how does Jesus' death and resurrection ultimately deliver us from our sin and brokenness?

## SCRIPTURE

- "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong."
  - 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (ESV)

## PRAYER

- Pray for a deeper understanding of God as the great "I AM" who meets our every need. Ask God to help us cry out to him in prayer, trusting he hears and responds.
- Pray for greater faith to believe God's power is sufficient in our weakness and inadequacy. Ask God to heal and redeem the broken places in our lives for his glory.