

## **DISCUSSION:**

Discuss the question cluster below

(As much or as little as works for your group and in any order you like)

\*Feel free to break off into smaller groups if it helps you share more personally\*

We're starting a new sermon series called, "Exodus: Out of Darkness. Into Light." In it we'll focus on the story of God delivering his people out of the darkness of the soul-crushing oppression, enslavement and genocide they faced in Egypt and into the light of life with him. The hope is that through this story we will come to see the persistence of God's light, hope and faithfulness amidst the frequent darkness in our own lives and our world.

**I. This week, we looked at how God started to answer the cries of his people we heard in Ex.1-2 and we saw the surprising way he was going to do that. We said Ex. 3-4 shows that God was not going to deliver his people *just* by miraculous strength, but also by something we're really uncomfortable with: *vulnerability and uncertainty*. We looked at how God would do that through: 1) Moses' concerns; 2) God's response; and 3) God's purpose. Let's discuss how these things impact our lives.**

- A. What connected with you from the sermon or from the passage?
- B. Did any of Moses' four concerns (1) *that he wasn't up to the job*, 2) *that people wouldn't understand what God was calling him to*, 3) *that God might not be able to help where he felt weak*, 4) *that he just didn't want to do what God was calling him to do*) resonate with you?
  - 1. *Where might God be inviting you to have more of the courage of Moses and actually talk to Him about your concerns?*
- C. What's scary or frustrating to you about vulnerability and uncertainty – or what's a particular uncertainty you haven't liked in the past or don't like in your life right now?
  - 1. *Where do you need to 'leave room' for God's purposes in the midst of that uncertainty instead of assuming things won't work out because you can't see how they would?*
  - 2. *Where do you need the freedom Christ gives to be able to walk with Him through uncertainty and vulnerability to which he calls us?*
- D. Where might God be sending you as his unwilling, unlikely messenger of grace – as someone who is unimpressive in some way and yet *exactly* who God wants to use as his messenger of grace?
  - 1. *Who's a person God might be putting in your path that needs to see that 'unimpressive' side of you so they can also see God's grace at work your life?*