



DISCIPLESHIP, TAKING YOUR NEXT STEP

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WORSHIP

Begin your group with a time of worship. If someone in your group can lead worship, invite them to lead two or three songs. Alternatively, consider using one or more of these songs from our Sunday morning worship time:

- **The King Is In the Room** (*Phil Wickham*)
- **Holy Forever** (*Chris Tomlin*)
- **Revelation Song** (*Gateway Worship*)

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Exodus 3:4-7, 9-12 - God's call to Moses
- Matthew 11:28-30 - Jesus' invitation to rest

OPENING PRAYER

Begin by asking God to open hearts and minds to His presence and revelation during your time together.

Ice Breaker (5-10 min)

Question: Share about a time when you thought you had to do something alone, but then discovered someone was there to help you. How did that change the experience?

SERMON RECAP (5 minutes)

The sermon explored the difference between transactional and relational faith. Moses thought God was asking him to do something “for” Him, but God was actually inviting Moses to do something “with” Him. God's promise “I will be with you” transforms how we approach our journey with Jesus.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-40 min)

Section 1: Understanding God's Nature (15 minutes)

1. From the Moses story, what characteristics of God stood out to you most? (He watches, speaks, is holy, cares, is relational)
2. How would you describe the difference between a transactional relationship with God versus a relational one?
 - Give me strength (transactional) vs. Be my strength (relational)
3. When have you caught yourself treating prayer or faith transactionally—like a spiritual coffee shop order?

Section 2: God's Presence With Us (15 minutes)

4. God told Moses, “I will be with you.” What does that promise mean to you personally in your current season of life?
5. Jesus used the image of a yoke with two bulls—one older and stronger, one younger and weaker. How does this picture change your understanding of following Jesus?
6. Read Matthew 11:28-30 together. What burdens are you currently carrying that Jesus is inviting you to share with Him?

Section 3: Adjusting Our Vision (15 minutes)

7. The sermon mentioned how our eyes adjust to low light, and we don't realize brighter light is available. What areas of your spiritual life might have become “dim” without you realizing it?
8. What does “living life abundantly” look like practically? Are there areas where you're settling for less than God's best?
9. Moses had fears and doubts despite God's call. What fears or doubts are holding you back from taking your next step with Jesus?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION (10 Mins)

Individual Reflection:

"What is YOUR next step in your journey with Jesus?"

Have each person spend 3-5 minutes in silence, asking God this question. Provide paper and pens for journaling.

Group Sharing:

Invite volunteers to share what God revealed to them about their next step.

Specific Action Steps:

1. **This Week:** Identify one area where you've been treating God transactionally. Practice inviting Him into that situation relationally instead.
2. **This Month:** Consider these ministry opportunities mentioned in the sermon:
 - Celebrate Recovery (CR)
 - Personal Development groups
 - Restore the Foundations (RTF)
 - Freedom ministry
 - Counseling services

KEY TAKEAWAYS

✓ God doesn't ask us to do things *for* Him; He invites us to do things *with* Him

✓ The Christian life is relational, not transactional

✓ "I will be with you" is God's consistent promise throughout Scripture

✓ We often get accustomed to spiritual "dimness" and don't realize more is available

✓ Taking the next step requires recognizing we need adjustment and growth

CLOSING PRAYER

Thank God for His promise to be with us, and ask for courage to take the next step in our journey with Jesus.