

West Towne Circles Discussion Guide

Out of Darkness

Week Four: Called and Equipped

Overview

Exodus is the story of God's saving work in freeing his people from Egypt. It's also the story of God's work in our own lives, freeing us from the power of sin and death – and freeing us to new life in his Kingdom.

This week we looked at Exodus 4, and learned that God has called and equipped each of us to live the life that he desires for us to live. Our primary calling in life is to be formed into the image of Jesus. We may find other "callings" in our lives, as well. They typically aren't hard to find. If you work, you're called to be a good worker. If you're a family member, you're called to be a good family member. If you're a parent, you're called to be a good parent. If you're a neighbor, you're called to be a good neighbor. You get the picture. In all of these areas of calling, God gifts and equips us through his Spirit to carry out the calling he's given us. Just as he was with Moses in all things, God is with us in all things, as well.

Reading and Discussion

- 1. As you begin – pray that God's Spirit would strengthen you and lead you in the direction he wants you to go.**
2. How have you typically understood the idea of "calling?" What's beneficial or confusing to you about the idea?
3. God gifts us in certain ways to lean into our "calling." What ways has God gifted you? Better yet - take some time to name and affirm how the group sees God's gifting in each person present.
4. Though God calls us, he also equips us. He allowed Moses to have the help of his brother Aaron. He equips us, as well – most of all with his Spirit. We encounter God's Spirit and create room in our hearts to hear the Spirit's call when we spend time in prayer and contemplation. Name a time in your life in which you felt the presence of God's Spirit with you, if you feel comfortable.
5. As you close: what is one concrete way that you can lean into your gifting and calling this week for God's glory?