

Adult Group Study Guide for June 21, 2020

Series: "Chosen"

Message: "Sent"

Goal: To respond to God's unique call on our lives to serve him in this world.

Key Verse: *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.* – Ephesians 2:10 (NIV2011)

1. Watch the Burning Bush video clip from "The Ten Commandments," by Cecil B. DeMille by clicking on this You Tube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0Mg-eZqEdI>. If you have children, you may prefer the video clip from "The Prince of Egypt" at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ds9y3lJGig>. Compare the video clip with the story from Exodus 3:1-10. How would you describe the burning bush? Why did God use this sign?
2. Read Exodus 3:11-14 and 4:1-16. Name the five objections that Moses gave to being sent by God to deliver the people of Israel from Egypt. How did the protests of Moses demonstrate his lack of faith? How did God respond to his doubt and stubbornness?
3. Compare the calling of Moses with the story of Gideon in Judges 6. It was not enough for Gideon to hear from God, he put God through a series of tests by laying a fleece out on the ground. When does our desire for more proof from God cross the line from a legitimate need to a lack of faith? Compare the response of Moses and Gideon with the healing of the centurion's servant in Luke 7:1-10. How did the centurion impress Jesus?
4. Read Luke 6:13 and John 20:21-23. Compare the meaning of the words "disciple" and "apostle." What was the significance of the words of Jesus to his disciples: "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you"? What did Jesus say would be the source of our power to fulfill our calling as the "sent ones."
5. Moses was sent to be more than the liberator of Israel. You could argue that his most important work was receiving the Ten Commandments and building the tabernacle. What does this suggest about how God can use us when we are faithful in little ways? (See the Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25:14-30 especially verses 21 and 23.)
6. Read Ephesians 2:8-10. How does it help you to know that he has prepared specific work for you to do? In what specific ways is God calling you to join him in his work in this world? If you are uncertain of your mission, try asking for direction in prayer.