**Life Group Study Guide: Loved what you heard on Sunday? Want to go deeper? The life group study guide will help you unpack what you heard on Sunday, while diving deeper into God's word.**

**CONNECT:**

* Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

**DIG DEEPER:**

* Read Exodus 4:1-5. Who is Moses worried won’t believe him? How much of this is fair, and how much of this can we attribute to Moses’s own unbelief?
* What are Moses’s five objections/excuses as to why God’s plan won’t work?
	+ Read Exodus: 3:11; 3:13; 4:1; 4:10; and 4:13
* Read 1 Corinthians 1:17-2:5. How are Moses’s objections answered by this verse? What does that mean for us today?
* The long narrative between God and Moses gives us insight into both individuals’ characters. Review Exodus 3:1-4:17. What does this tell us about God’s character? What does it say about Moses’s character at this stage of his life?

**MAKING IT PERSONAL:**

* Do you think Exodus 2:14-15 may have made Moses reluctant to respond to God’s call? Do you use your past failures as excuses for not doing what God has commanded? If so, what is your plan to change?
* What excuses are you making for not doing what God has called you to do? Has He provided the resources, both within you and from others, that you need? Read Ephesians 1:3-10. What does this say about what God has given to us and how He has prepared us?
* What is one take away from this study that you will commit to place into action?

**Upcoming at Wave**

**STARTING POINT | Oct. 7th**

Starting Point is our “You Are Here” sign at Wave, and the next
one will be Oct. 7th, right after church! Starting point is an informal “Introduction to Wave” lunch where you will meet other newcomers to Wave, our Wave Pastors, and hear about the story and heart of our church. More importantly, Starting Point is designed to make it easy for you to connect and navigate the next steps to Connect, Grow and Serve at Wave. Lunch is provided for the whole family!

**MEN’S RETREAT | Oct. 26-27th**

Save the date for our annual men’s retreat. This year we are headed to Mount Laguna for a time of fellowship, bible study, and hiking!

**WAVE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

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out your communication card and write **Newsletter** to get
a weekly email update from Wave!

**EXODUS 4 | GOD’S POWER OUR FAITHFULNESS**

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**Exodus 4:1-3 (ESV)**  *Then Moses answered, “But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, ‘The Lord did not appear to you.’ ” 2The Lord said to him, “What is that in your hand?” He said, “A staff.” 3And he said, “Throw it on the ground.”*

* GOD GIVES HIS WORD BEFORE HE GIVES HIS POWER.

**Luke 10:1-3, 17-20 (ESV)** *After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. 2And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. 3Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves…. 17The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” 18And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. 20Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”*

**Matthew 28:16-20 (ESV)** *16Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. 18And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

**Acts 1:4-5 (ESV)***4And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; 5for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”*

FAITHFUL OBEDIENCE MAKES THE POWER OF GOD VISIBLE SO THAT OUR WORLD WILL BELIEVE.

**Exodus 4:3-4 (ESV)** *3 So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent, and Moses ran from it. 4But the Lord said to Moses, “Put out your hand and catch it by the tail.”*

* GOD IS PRODUCING IN US A FAITH ROOTED IN OBEDIENCE, NOT A FAITH HINDERED BY FEAR.

**Exodus 4:4-5 (ESV)** *4 so he put out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand— 5“that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.”*

* HOW I RESPOND TO FEAR LEADS ME TOWARD FAITHFUL OBEDIENCE OR FURTHER AWAY FROM IT.

**Exodus 4:6-12 (ESV)** *6Again, the Lord said to him, “Put your hand inside your cloak.” And he put his hand inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous like snow. 7Then God said, “Put your hand back inside your cloak.” So he put his hand back inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, it was restored like the rest of his flesh. 8“If they will not believe you,” God said, “or listen to the first sign, they may believe the latter sign. 9If they will not believe even these two signs or listen to your voice, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground, and the water that you shall take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground.” 10But Moses said to the Lord, “Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue.”**11Then the Lord said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? 12Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak.”*

EXCUSE #1: I DO NOT HAVE WHAT IT TAKES

* IT IS GOD’S OMNIPOTENCE THAT MATTERS, NOT MY INCOMPETENCE.

**Exodus 4:13-17 (ESV)** *13But he said, “Oh, my Lord, please send someone else.” 14Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses and he said, “Is there not Aaron, your brother, the Levite? I know that he can speak well. Behold, he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. 15You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you both what to do. 16He shall speak for you to the people, and he shall be your mouth, and you shall be as God to him. 17And take in your hand this staff, with which you shall do the signs.”*

EXCUSE #2: SOMEONE ELSE CAN DO IT BETTER

* IT IS NOT WHAT I LACK THAT MATTERS, BUT WHAT GOD CAN DO WITH WHAT LITTLE I HAVE.