Small Group Questions October 18, 2020 Series: Honest To God Message: "Excuses, Excuses"

This five week series will five week series will look at different people and occasions when folks got honest with God about their doubt, indecision, inability, etc. Each week will look at a different issue that we may feel cannot be shared honestly with God. What we discover in the stories of this series is the same issues still hold people back from full honesty with God and others. At the same time, God has worked through limited people to accomplish His purposes. Let's not over spiritualize the people in the Bible to be more than they were, namely, flesh and blood people like us. The main issue then, and now, remains our understanding of who God is and how He empowers people, even those with limitations.

Thanks for shepherding people during these COVID days. Connection means more than ever!

(Questions to get everyone to participate)

- 1. What is the most unusual thing you've ever witnessed in nature?
- 2. Do you prefer new challenges or a known routine? Explain.

(Questions based on the primary texts)

Read Exodus 3:1-15; 4:1:1-17.

- 3. Why do you think God used the burning bush to get Moses' attention why not just speak without a "prop?" What was the net effect on Moses (3:5-6)?
- 4. Is Moses more uncertain about God or himself? What leads you to think so?
- 5. What would God have to do to get your attention and commitment to take on a new mission in life? What would you do if He called you by name?
- 6. The story of God's presence with Moses is unique. How does God make His presence known to you?
- 7. Of Moses five excuses, which one is most like one you have made when it comes to stepping up in your spiritual life? Explain.
- 8. What is one specific way you can join God in what He's doing this week?