



Cuyahoga
Valley Church

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Week of 10.1.23
Exodus 4 // Pastor Dean Siley

We've gotten some feedback that most groups are not getting to the "application" and "accountability" sections. Please note that these portions are vital to the health of your group. Please discuss how you can develop a rhythm of ensuring your group gets to those conversations.

The goal is not information by transformation!!

CONNECT (10 MIN)

- Review the Portrait of a Healthy LifeGroup vision document with your group
- What is something you've always wanted to try but that you are afraid to do for the first time?

EXPLORE (45 MIN)

Create Context (10 min):

1. Read Exodus chapter 4 out loud together.
2. Watch the weekly sermon recap video [HERE](#) (4:07)

Study & Discussion (40 min)

Note to leaders: For those of you who know you won't get through all the questions, don't forget to incorporate some of the "Apply" questions at the end.

► In his sermon, Pastor Dean mentioned five negative feelings that Moses felt after hearing God's plan for him. Below you can see Pastor Dean's statements about Moses, as well as space to fill in Moses' feelings and God's response. Utilizing the example below, fill in the rest of the blanks.

1. EXAMPLE: Who am I (3:11)?

- a. Feeling(s): Fear
- b. God's Response (3:12): You are not alone. I am with you.

- Note: There is not one right answer for each of these, and you may have multiple answers or the same answer multiple times.

2. What shall I say (3:13)?

- a. Feeling(s):
- b. God's Response (3:14-22):

3. They will not believe me or listen to my voice (4:1).

- a. Feeling(s):
- b. God's Response (4:2-9):



4. I am not eloquent (4:10)!

a. Feeling(s):

b. God's Response (4:11-12):

5. Send someone else (4:13)!

a. Feeling(s):

b. God's Response (4:14-17):

Note: Authentic emotions include: fear, anger, shame, guilt, happiness, sadness, hurt

- Which of these feelings do you struggle with or feel most often? Are there any that you do not typically feel?
- Moses felt many emotions in response to God's call. God spoke to Moses' emotions by reminding Moses of who He is and what He is like.
 - Read Deuteronomy 31:6-8, Joshua 1:9, Psalm 42, and Matthew 28:18-20. What is the common theme in all of these passages?
 - What is it about the Lord's presence that should calm our greatest fears?
- What thoughts may be causing you to avoid the work of God that He may be calling you to do? Where is God calling you to step out in faith to do His work or accomplish His purposes? What fear do you have in the face of God's call?
- In the face of Moses' fear, God sent Aaron with Moses to help him speak for God. How does this show God's compassion and care for Moses? Put yourself in Moses' shoes. How might Moses have felt to know that his older brother would be with him in his task and calling?
 - How does this communicate the importance of community (and the importance of the Church) in worshipping, knowing, and serving God?

Heavy Lifting

- • When we think about the call of God on our lives, first and foremost we are looking at the call to know Christ and make Him known, like Pastor Dean mentioned on Sunday (see Matthew 28:18-20). But getting more specific, each one of us has spiritual gifts, talents, and abilities that we are called to use for the Kingdom of God. These gifts and talents can be affirmed by our own preferences and also by encouragement and equipping from others. What role does the local church have to play in encouraging and equipping Christians to use and develop their skills and abilities for the Kingdom of God? What role does the church play in redirecting personal opinions about calling or denying opportunities in ministry?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Below you will find two articles that deal with the interpretation and understanding of Exodus 4:24-26:
 - “The Strangest Circumcision Story Ever”
 - <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/moses-zipporah-strangest-circumcision-story-exodus/>
 - “Moses, Maximus, and a Bloody Valentine”
 - <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/moses-maximus-and-a-bloody-valentine/>

APPLY (20 MIN)

Based on what we talked about today, where could you encourage someone in your LifeGroup as they strive to serve the Lord with courage?

“I Will” Statements

As a result of what I’ve learned this week and what the Holy Spirit is impressing upon my heart, I will respond in obedience by _____.

Accountability

Depending on the time, rhythm, and makeup of the group, this can be done together or by separating into smaller groups (if the group is large) or by gender (if the group is mixed).

We suggest using 2-3 of the accountability questions found at cvonline.org/relate each week.

PRAY (15 MIN)

During your time of study and application, there may be prayers that rise to the surface for individuals or the group. Take those things collectively to the Lord in prayer. We would also encourage your group to make a list of people that you are praying for to trust Jesus as the leader and forgiver of their life. Pray for the list often and hold one another accountable to share the good news as the Holy Spirit provides and prompts.



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EQUIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of 10.1.23

Please take a moment to share these announcements with your group.

More information on each item can be found by scanning the QR codes.

CVC YOUTH

Collide Fall Fest

It's quickly becoming that time of year - time for pumpkins and latte's and, of course, Fall festivals. Our middle school students will be headed to Luther Farms on October 7th for a day filled with Fall fun. Register by scanning the QR code or visit cvcyouth.org/events



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Basecamp

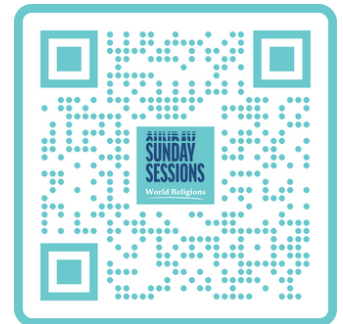
Are you ready to embark on an extraordinary journey? Join us every Tuesday and Thursday for Basecamp, the ultimate video devotional designed exclusively for high school and middle school students. Immerse yourself in short, impactful sessions that empower you with biblical truth and challenges. Basecamp → the best way to start your day!



EQUIP

Sunday Sessions

Join us for Sunday Sessions: World Religions and embark on a enlightening journey exploring diverse faiths through a Christian lens. When you can't join us in person in Sunday mornings at 9:30am, you can hear all of the previous episodes by scanning this QR code, but visiting cvconline.org/sundaysessions, or by searching "sunday sessions cuyahoga valley" where you normally get your podcasts.



SAVE - THE - DATES

CVC Young Adults Eat, Sip, and Drive // October 21st

Family Ministry Trunk or Treat // October 29th

CVC Night of Worship & Prayer // November 1st