

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

UNEXPECTED LEADER: WEEK 2

While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to southeastchristian.org to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!

Have you ever experienced a “burning bush” moment – a moment when you were sure God was calling you to something? What happened? What was it that God wanted you to see/do in that moment? Why is it that we spend our lives chasing after those kinds of moments and experiences?

Read Exodus 3:1-10. What happened when Moses was out tending the sheep of his father-in-law Jethro? How did God show up in that moment? What did God want Moses to do? Put yourself in Moses’ shoes. How would you have felt in that moment? Excited? Scared? How does his “burning bush moment” compare to what you’ve experienced?

In your opinion, does calling usually happen in a moment or over the course of a lifetime? Why? How does God use specific moments to drive us forward on mission? How does He use our cumulative life experiences to lead us into what He has for us? How do we see both of these things in Moses’ story?

Read Exodus 2:11-15. Earlier in the story, Moses had killed an Egyptian to protect one of his people. How does this show Moses’ “holy burden” for the Israelite people? How had God already put the slavery of His people in Moses’ heart and mind? How did Moses’ response in Exodus 2 show that he didn’t know what to do with that burden?

Looking over the course of your life, what ‘holy burdens’ has God placed on your life? What causes/concerns are closest to your heart and mind? How has He given you opportunity to minister in those areas? In what ways are you still waiting on Him to show you what to do with this burden?

As you close, read Exodus 3:11-14 and 4:10-13. What excuses did Moses make when confronted with his calling? How can our excuses be similar? Close in prayer by asking God to work through the “holy burdens” He’s given each of you and to show you what He’s calling you to be/do this week.