

## Small Group Leader Study Guide

### Sermon Main Point

God doesn't need your ability—He wants your surrender.

### Ice Breaker

What's one silly or serious excuse you've used recently to avoid doing something uncomfortable?

### 1. We All Have Excuses

Text: Exodus 4:10

- Discussion Questions:
  - Why do you think Moses responded to God with an excuse instead of worship?
  - What common excuses do you tend to make when God calls you to something challenging?
  - How do our excuses reveal what we really believe about God's character?

### 2. God is Bigger Than Your Weakness

Text: Exodus 4:11–12

- Discussion Questions:
  - How does knowing that God made you and knows your limitations change your perspective on weakness?
  - In what ways have you seen God work powerfully through your areas of weakness?
  - Why is surrender more important to God than strength?

### 3. You're Not the Hero—God Is

Text: 2 Corinthians 4:7

- Discussion Questions:
  - How does it feel to know that you're not meant to be the hero of your story?
  - Why do you think God delights in using the broken, insecure, and unqualified?
  - How can remembering God's glory, not our own, change the way we serve others?

### 4. Stop Arguing with God and Start Walking in Faith

- Discussion Questions:
  - What's the excuse you keep giving God right now?
  - What are you afraid of when you think about stepping out in faith?
  - What would it look like for you to take a step of obedience this week?

### Call to Action

This week, honestly identify one excuse you've been giving to God—and surrender it. Step out in obedience, not because you're confident in yourself, but because God is faithful and with you.

## Theology for the Leader

### 1. God's Sovereignty Over Human Inadequacy

Moses' insecurity didn't disqualify him—because God's calling doesn't depend on human strength but on divine authority. The Lord reminds us: "Who made man's mouth?" (Ex. 4:11). God's sovereignty transforms our inability into opportunity for His glory.

### 2. God's Glory is Displayed Through Our Weakness

Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 4:7 remind us that we are "jars of clay," fragile and flawed—so that the power clearly belongs to God. Leaders must model this truth: we don't need to be impressive, we need to be surrendered.