

CONNECTION:

- We are looking at obedience this week. What did you get in most trouble for as a child (where you were most disobedient)?

PRAISE:

- How and where have you seen God's sovereignty in your life this past week?

SCRIPTURE:

- Exodus 4:18-31

CONVERSATIONS

- Read Exodus 4:18 - 20 - Although Moses wasn't 100% sure about going to Egypt he was obedient to God and took a first, tentative step by heading to Egypt.
 - Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes: The road to faith passes through obedience to the call of God. How does obedience lead to faith? (If you have an example from your own life, please share it.)
 - How does faith lead to obedience?
 - If we don't have enough faith to be obedient to the call or commands of God on your life, what is the appropriate response? Why?
- Read Exodus 4:21 - 23 - God asks Moses to do hard things
 - Read Matthew 7:13 - 14. Why does obedience to Jesus require us to do hard things?
- Read Exodus 4:24 - 26 - Moses had failed to be obedient to circumcise his firstborn son and almost lost his life because of it.
 - What are some of the natural consequences of failing to be obedient to the teachings and commands of Jesus?
 - Is your personality more likely to feel guilty about failing to keep God's commands or to ignore them with little-to-no remorse? What are the dangers of both responses?
- Read Exodus 4:27 - 28 - God sends Aaron, Moses' brother, to walk with him
 - What is required for a relationship to go deep enough that someone can actually call you to obedience to Jesus?
 - Have you experienced this kind of a friendship?
- Read Exodus 4:29 - 31 - Moses was obedient and the people of Israel believed and worshiped God
 - What are wrong motivations for obedience?

- What are biblical motivations for obedience? (cf. John 3:16; John 14:15)

What did you learn about God's character this week?

PRAYER

- Praise for the wonderful night of prayer last Sunday.
- Pray that we would all be obedient to God's call on our lives and that we would trust in His provision.
- Pray that we would be supportive to one another as we live in community.
- Pray for our relationship with our community partners - The Community Hub and Youth Unlimited.