

LBM Small-Group Materials



Saying Yes to God! – Week of October 30th

For Small-Group Leaders

Dear Leaders,

During this final edition of LBM small-group materials, our aim is to bring a solid close to this time of learning about our role as servants of Christ. I hope your group has had some wonderful discussions about what it means to serve our Savior. This week's Scrolls focus on some of the well-known servants in the Bible: Moses, Paul, and Jesus himself. Their lives will challenge us deeply as we learn together what it means to say "yes" to God!

After Living Beyond Myself, we will continue publishing the Scrolls in the new one-page format you have seen during LBM. We will be making these small-group materials available each week as well. If there is anything we can do to improve them, please let us know.

The Scrolls Team

PS – The Scrolls and small-group materials are available online at www.fbcdavis.org. In addition, they will continue to be emailed to home group leaders (and small-group leaders who request them). You can request to be on that email list by emailing Scott Wieking at swieking@fbcdavis.org.

Discussion Starters (choose one or both or make up your own):

- Ask group members to share about a time when they were asked to do something that seemed over their head or beyond their abilities. (What thoughts and feelings accompanied the task?)
- Ask each person who is willing to share something from their "Spiritual Life Notebook" regarding what God is teaching them. It may be something from Glen's sermons or something from their daily reading, but give each person a chance to share. Even if some don't yet have a notebook, have them share something that they are learning. If this opener seems too intimidating for your group, have them instead turn to one other person and share what they are learning.

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Exodus 3:1-12. What strikes you about Moses' encounter with God?
2. Why was Moses hesitant to say "yes?" What thoughts and feelings do you think Moses had?
3. What was God's response to Moses' objection (see vs. 11-12)?
Leaders Note – At this point in the discussion you might consider asking the group if anyone feels the way Moses must have felt. The question might be: "Is there anyone who feels called by God to serve him in some way that you feel inadequate for?"
4. Read Galatians 6:9 and 2 Timothy 4:6-8. (Paul wrote this in his final days, after years of being in service to Christ.)
5. Why is perseverance in ministry sometimes difficult? What can we do keep from giving into weariness and discouragement?

Group Reflection:

1. Ask each member in the group whether their need is more in line with Moses' or Paul's. In other words, are they like Moses who needed the courage to say "yes" to God's call to ministry? Or are they like Paul, who simply needed the courage and strength to keep serving despite the weariness and discouragement that sometimes comes with serving?
Leader's Note – This may be a good time to close your time by praying for each other.
2. If you still have time, this last question is meant to give everyone a chance to share. People might want to look through their "Spiritual Life Notebook" as they consider what they'd like to share with the group. The question is: "During the Living Beyond Myself campaign, what single lesson has been the most meaningful to you?" If you are short on time, ask people to pair off and share.

Putting LBM into Practice – Close your time together by praying as a group for each other. This is a time to pray for blessing upon the efforts of those in your group who are involved in ongoing ministries and for opening the way for those who want to say "yes" to God.