

DREAM AGAIN - WEEK 1

Moses: Dream Again

Icebreaker

When you were a kid, what did you dream about becoming or doing someday?

Overview

Read **Exodus 3:1-12**. Moses had spent forty years in the wilderness after a painful failure in his past. At eighty years old, while doing the same work he had done for decades, God interrupted his routine and called him into a new chapter. Moses saw his limitations. God saw what He could do through a surrendered life.

God's dream rests on His power, not your resume.

1. Believe God Isn't Finished

Read Exodus 3:1-10.

Moses may have believed his most significant days were behind him. But the burning bush reminds us that God can interrupt an ordinary season and write a new chapter in a story we thought was settled.

LOOK AT IT

- What was Moses doing when God got his attention? What does that tell you about the setting God chose to call him?
- What mission does God give Moses in verse 10?

EXPLORE IT

- What causes adults to stop dreaming and settle into routine?
- How can past failure, disappointment, or age convince us that God is finished using us?

GO DO IT

- Where have you quietly started believing, "This is probably as good as it gets"? What might it look like to believe God is not finished with your story?

2. Let God's Presence Be Enough

Read Exodus 3:11-12.

Moses responds to God's call with the question, "**Who am I?**" God does not build Moses' confidence by listing his qualifications. He answers, "**I will be with you.**" The dream depends more on God's presence than Moses' ability.

LOOK AT IT

- What is Moses afraid he is not qualified to do? How does God answer him?
- What does God's response emphasize instead of Moses' talent or experience?

EXPLORE IT

- What excuses tend to surface when God invites us beyond our comfort zone?
- How does the question change when we move from "What am I able to do?" to "What is God able to do through me?"

GO DO IT

- What step of faith would feel possible if you truly believed God's presence was enough?

3. Surrender What's in Your Hand

Read Exodus 4:1-5.

God asks Moses, **"What is that in your hand?"** It is only a shepherd's staff, something ordinary and familiar. But surrendered to God, the ordinary becomes part of something Moses could never accomplish on his own.

LOOK AT IT

- What does Moses already have when God calls him? What does God ask him to do with it?
- How does that ordinary staff become significant in Moses' story?

EXPLORE IT

- Why do we often focus on what we lack instead of what God has already placed in our hands?
- What is the difference between asking God to bless our plans and surrendering what we have to His purposes?

GO DO IT

- What has God already given you - time, experience, relationships, influence, resources, gifts, or a story - that you could surrender to Him?
- What is one concrete "yes" you sense God asking from you?

Now What?

DREAM AGAIN: Where have I stopped believing God could write a new chapter?

TRUST: What fear or excuse do I need to answer with "God will be with me"?

SURRENDER: What is in my hand that I need to place in God's hands?

A God-sized dream is not confidence in what you can accomplish. It is confidence that God is able, God is present, and God can use a surrendered life.

Group Prayer

Thank God that our past does not put us beyond His reach and our limitations do not limit His power. Ask Him to awaken dreams that serve His purposes, give courage for the next step, and show each person what needs to be surrendered.

On Your Own

- **Day 1 - Exodus 3:1-12:** Notice what God reveals about Himself before Moses ever feels ready.
- **Day 2 - Exodus 4:1-5:** Ask God, "What have You already placed in my hand?"
- **Day 3 - Ephesians 3:14-21:** Reflect on the difference between your ability and God's power at work within you.
- **Day 4 - Exodus 4:18-20:** Notice the moment Moses stops arguing and starts moving.