
LEADERSHIP COACHING: ENCOUNTER

Discipleship Phrase: God, what are you inviting me into? And what's my part?

Big Idea for Series: Start the year seeking God & discovering how He works in the lives of people.

Abiding [grow as a disciple yourself]

This week is all about hearing from God. We know from week 1 of the "Encounter" series that God is always working... but, is He always speaking? The approximate 400 years of silence between the Old Testament and the New Testament give reason to consider carefully. However, as believers, we can be certain that we should *always be listening*. When God speaks, He invites us into the real story, not our own, but His. And His desire is to use His creation to accomplish His work. So, what is it that God is, or has, been inviting you into? And what is your part in that? In this week's story God invites Moses into to accomplish His work. Moses questions God by asking, "Who am I to appear before Pharaoh?". And God responds with an amazing simple truth, "I will be with you." That truth is available to you today as well. You know what He's been asking of you. Step into it and accept the invitation.

Leading [learn to facilitate your group more effectively]

It's a new year and we're praying for you. As you lead and disciple others this season you would do well by saturating your leadership and group in prayer regularly. Also, by being super intentional in preparing for this year. Set some personal goals for yourself spiritually and ask someone to hold you accountable to them. Meet with them frequently to discuss. Set some goals for your group as well. Review these often and discuss openly with the group. Always be aware of what's coming up, be seeking opportunities for the spiritual growth of yourself and those that God has entrusted to your care. Leading well means leveraging every opportunity for growth of others. This week leaders were emailed a [Groups 2020 - Dates to Remember](#) calendar. View these dates as opportunities to receive an investment into you and others as well.

Shepherding [know the sheep, feed the sheep, lead the sheep, protect the sheep]

As we launch groups for 2020, be mindful of all the resources available to you as a group leader that are here to help you shepherd your group as effectively as possible. One resource we pray you to take advantage of is **[Bible Studies](#)**. We have great classes being offered Wednesday nights in the Spring which cover a wide variety of relevant topics. Click [here](#) to see all the options which also include Sunday mornings, Women's Wednesday mornings, as well as Single & Young Adult studies. Encourage you group members to prayerfully consider joining one of these life giving studies. **[Celebrate Recovery](#)** and **[Grief Share](#)** are some other great resources for shepherding well in 2020! Click [here](#) to get more info on these ministries and others.

"Every group deserves a great group leader..."

WEEK 3 - TOPIC: GOD IS ALWAYS INVITING ME TO JOIN HIS WORK.

TAKEAWAY: GOD WANTS TO USE ME TO ACCOMPLISH HIS WORK.

Open in Prayer

Welcome/Introductions [Share the topic & takeaway this week from above]

Review the Guidelines [Share the guidelines to set the rails for group time]

Ask A Hook Question [A thought-provoking question to get the group focused]

What's something you're good at now that you never imagined you'd be when you were younger?

Share Background for the Story [Provide context to the story from the Bible]

The story of Moses takes place 400 years after the life of Joseph. The first 2 chapters of Exodus reveal to us his birth, rescue, and life in the household of Pharaoh in Egypt. Because of an accidental murder of an Egyptian taskmaster, Moses flees from his life in the palace to the land of Midian. There he meets his wife and shepherds his fathers-in-law flocks. D.L. Moody said, "Moses spent forty years thinking he was somebody; then he spent forty years on the backside of the desert realizing he was nobody; finally, he spent the last forty years of his life leaning what God can do with a nobody!"

Share the Story: [Exodus 3:1-15](#) [Volunteer from last week shares the story]

Rebuild the Story [Invites everyone to engage]

Read from Scripture [Read out loud to see if anything was added or omitted]

Discussion Questions: [Dive deeper, beyond the surface]

1. What was it that God was inviting Moses into?
2. How qualified did Moses think he was for this God sized task that he was being asked to accomplish?
3. God invited Moses into accomplish His work and He desires to invite you in as well. Where might God be inviting you into accomplish His work in right now? How qualified do feel to accomplish that?
4. Often it's hard for us to see what God is doing in us, so God uses others to point out & confirm certain things. Take time, as a group, to affirm what you see in each other, out loud.

Assign Next Week's Story: [Genesis 18:20-33](#)

Prayer Requests [Record, share & follow up throughout the week]

Closing Prayer [Ask openly for a volunteer]