

EXODUS

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Heart Matters

Exodus 4:18-31

Message Big Idea

Partial obedience is disobedience

BELONG

As a group, talk about the following ideas: What are some things that are easier to do part of the way? Does anyone ever just put \$10 in their gas tank at a time? When you do laundry do you wash, fold, and put away every load in one day, or do you allow it to sit in between tasks? Why do you think we do this? If you don't do this, what drives you to complete the task?

REACH

1. Have someone in the group read Exodus 4:18-31. What was the act of disobedience here? Do you think that it was fair for God to act so harshly? Is there an act of obedience that you've been putting off, knowing that God wants you to step forward?
2. Read Hebrews 12:4-14. Are these verses that we would typically put on a coffee mug? Do you enjoy discipline? Do you enjoy disciplining? What makes discipline so difficult sometimes? What cues do these verses give us to make discipline an easier function of our lives as believers?
3. Psalm 139:1-24 is a Psalm where David is praying some pretty bold prayers about discipline. Read through this section of scripture quietly and make note of each of the times David asks God for something. There's a lot here. Which requests stand out the most to you? Is it easy to pray these types of prayers knowing that God might actually answer us?

REACH

1. As a community of believers, how can we embrace this idea of obedience this week? How can we hold each other accountable?
2. Real accountability in the Bible is described in Proverbs 27:17 as “Iron sharpening Iron.” How are we doing as a group in sharpening each other? Take time to evaluate as a group whether your time in community is spent truly asking each other for accountability. What can you do to enhance this aspect of your community?
3. Take time to write out some of the values of your community group. Do you value accountability and discipline? What are areas each member would like to grow in? What are some current practices that you participate in that you might need to adjust?