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**Acts 2 Community  
Study Questions**  
God Is  
Exodus 4:1-13

*Overview:* The goal this week is to understand who GOD IS and who we are NOT.

***Materials Needed:*** Scrap paper, pens, bowl/bucket.

*Scripture Reading:* Exodus 3  
Exodus 4:1-31

**Getting Started**

If you had one day to do anything you wanted regardless of cost, time, responsibilities, etc, how would you spend your 24 hours?

What is one responsibility you have that you wish you could pass on to somebody else?

**Digging Deeper**

In Exodus 3, Moses is called by God to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. Moses expressed reluctance to God's calling by asking a lot of questions, and God was faithful to respond.

Go back to Exodus 3 and find the questions that Moses asked of God. How did God answer his questions?

*Questions are asked in verses 11 and 13. Leaders: note that the answers that God gave Moses were focused on **God's Ability**, and had nothing to do with Moses' ability. As you lead the discussion, emphasize God's grace and patience with Moses' reluctance. God is the same in His dealings with our reluctance.*

Now read Exodus 4:1. Was Moses satisfied with God's response? Why? (Could any answer God gives be sufficient for him?)

*No, he immediately asks God another question, "But suppose they will not believe me" (v.1).*

Now read Exodus 4:2-13. Based on this passage, what were Moses' real feelings about what God asked him to do?

*Moses' real feelings can be found in verse 13. Moses wants someone else to do it; he doesn't want to go. However, Moses didn't get it. What was going to be done was going to be done by God.*

**Application**

Although our "calling" may not be as big, God still works with us in the same way. We read that having his questions answered didn't stop Moses from asking more of them.

What is one question that keeps you from taking the next step towards God? (Maybe it's reading the bible, getting baptized, starting an Acts 2 Community, or ending an unhealthy relationship.)

Write this question down on a piece of paper. If you feel comfortable, share it with the group.

*Have paper and pens available for your group to write down their questions. If you would like to, put a bucket in the middle of the group labeled "GOD IS". After they read the question, it can be placed in the bucket if members are ready. Encourage them to either place it in the bucket, crumple or tear it up. Whatever method helps symbolize giving the question over to God, so that He can figure it out.*

Ultimately, what is keeping you from a closer relationship with God?

*Conclusion:* It wasn't about Moses' questions; it was about his reluctant heart. His focus was on himself, and not on God. When we focus on ourselves, we fail to see who GOD IS.