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Discussion Questions

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### 1. Announcements

- a. **This is the first week of Life Together. If you do not have your DVD's to show the group, please call the church office ASAP and ask to speak with Melissa or Carolyn. Books will continue to be available in the RockPile book store.**
- b. **Current Facilitators:** We are looking to recruit coaches for our upcoming season of small groups. If you can make a few calls a week and encourage another brother or sister, let us know who you are! Contact [melissak@therocksandiego.org](mailto:melissak@therocksandiego.org) or ext. 247
- c. **Are you being called to full time ministry?** The Rock is looking to grow the Small Group staff. Send your resume to [melissak@therocksandiego.org](mailto:melissak@therocksandiego.org). Here are a few other positions available:
- Desktop Support Specialist**  
Full Time Position - posted August 10, 2004  
Provide technical maintenance and recovery support to the local or wide area networks. Installs, implements, and supports network equipment, computer systems and software.
- Controller**  
Full Time Position - posted August 3, 2004  
A mature devoted Christian with solid accounting experience. This position will oversee all the accounting functions of the Rock Church.
- d. **DUNAMIS**  
Tuesday, September 28, 2004  
8404 Phyllis Place (just west of 805) 7pm-9pm  
Focus: Small Group Launch! Wonderful worship and corporate prayer to encourage Small Group hosts/leaders/coaches! Everyone attend!
- e. **The Rock Church Care Team/ Security Ministry** is recruiting for new members to assist with security at Sunday services, and other weekly ministry events. If you are interested, please contact Miguel Rivera at [rockwatchmen@yahoo.com](mailto:rockwatchmen@yahoo.com).
- f. **Women's Ministry**
- i. **S.I.S.T.E.R.S in Christ** - Spirit-led Instruction, Sharing, Teaching, and Encouraging for Reverent Submission to God. This is a special time for women of the Rock to worship and pray, study the Word of God, share testimonies and enjoy fellowship in a small group setting in order to gain spiritual and practical guidance for everyday living. All women are welcome!  
Mondays, Sept. 13-Oct. 18, 6:30-8:30 PM  
Calvary Baptist Church 6866 Linda Vista Rd.  
For more information contact Karen Stevens: [Jkarenstevens@att.net](mailto:Jkarenstevens@att.net)  
Teresa Holderby: [tholde1872@aol.com](mailto:tholde1872@aol.com)
- ii. **The Mom's Ministry** would like to know if there are any women who are interested in opening their home for a Mom's bible study. There will of course be little one's but each group designates someone to watch over them. The day and time of the



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bible study is very flexible. If anyone is interested you can have them email [moms@therocksandiego.org](mailto:moms@therocksandiego.org) or call 619-226-7625 ext. 313 for more info.

## 2. Memory Verse

**Exodus 3:5** - "Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

## 3. Discussion Questions

The years of the life of Moses are remarkably divided into three forties:

The first forty he spent as a prince in Pharaoh's court,  
The second a shepherd in Midian,  
The third a king in Jeshurun;

Isn't it interesting the length of time between callings on Moses life? Moses was born to be the deliverer of Israel, but spend the first 80 years of his life in preparation.

### Small Group Question:

- 1) Considering Moses life, what can we learn about Gods time tables for our lives?
- 2) What would have happened if Moses had become impatient and decided to do something different, as opposed to waiting on God? (Rom 15:4, 2 Cor 6:4, Col 1:11, 1 Th 1:3)
- 3) Who else was a Shepard when God placed a call on his life (2 Sam 7:8)
- 4) Do you know the calling that God has on your life? (Rom 11:29, 1 Cr 1:26, Eph 1:18, Phil 3:14, 2 Th 1:11)

It is interesting that Moses was trained up in the finest Egyptian schools, had audience with the King of Egypt, and spent 40 years tending sheep.

### Small Group Question:

- 5) Considering the educational level of Moses, what can we learn about his humility in waiting for God?
- 6) Is there any Job that God cannot use us? Discuss how God used Moses as a Shepard. (Psalm 23)
- 7) What happens to us when we are found Idle, not working? Why is it so important to keep ourselves occupied? (Prov 19:15, Matt 20:3-6, 1 Ti 5:13)



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When God called Moses to the third portion of his life, he did it through a burning bush in the desert by the Mount of Horeb. Moses was out tending to the flock of his Father in law, Jethro. The name Horeb actually means desert or desolation, which makes it a strange place to be taking your flocks for anything...Mount Horeb was either another name for Mount Sinai, or it was another mountain in the same range. Estimates place this mountain top as being between 6500 and 7400 feet in altitude. Some other interesting things happened on Mt Horeb; the Ten Commandments were given (Deut 4-5); God made a covenant with the children of Israel (Deut 7:12-26); and this is also the place that the Angel of the Lord spoke to Elijah (1 Kings 19:11-18).

As we look at What God says as He speaks to Moses, it is obvious that God hears the cries of the people.

*(Exodus 3:7) and the Lord said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows.*

## Small Group Question:

- 8) What can we learn about the character of God and our requests of Him?
  - a. What requests can we take to God, and which ones should we try to handle on our own? (Phil 4:6)
  - b. Will God answer all of our petitions? (Rom 8:28)
- 9) Define the word Oppression. Why is God concerned with His people being oppressed?

Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words

### Oppress

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**Strong's  
Number:**  
2616

**Greek:**  
*katadun  
asteuo*

- 1) to exercise harsh control over one, to use one's power against one
- 2) to oppress one

God then gives Moses his job description as he lays out the next 40 years of Moses life.

*(Exodus 3:8) So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.*



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## Small Group Question:

- 10) How specific is God in His calling?
  - a. What can we learn about the detail in which God calls us?
- 11) Is there any time frame on God's calling in terms of length of time?

God finally gives Moses his call to action.

*(Exodus 3:10) Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."*

## Small Group Question:

- 12) What did it mean that Moses was being sent back to Pharaoh? Did this have any consequences on his life? (Ex 2:15)
- 13) In sending Moses to Pharaoh, what protection do you think God will provide? What can you learn from this in your own life? (Dt 12:10)