





SERMON GUIDE

WHEN I DON'T WANT TO GO

Exodus 3:1-4:17 | Pastor Tim Porter

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

Scripture that stands out to you while you read

Observations you are making about a passage

Applications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

Prayers that invite God to participate in all that you do

Conversation Questions

Getting to Know Me: When you were growing up, did your parents ever ask you to face something that you were really afraid of and didn't want to do (go to the dentist, or try out for a team, or go someplace new, etc.). How did you respond and what ultimately happened? What was the outcome?

Note about the passage: This is the story of Moses' call to return to Egypt and help bring Israel up out of slavery. Moses grew up in the Egyptian court, and when he was younger he sought to free his people with violence (Exodus 2:11-15). Now he is an old man and has spent many years in exile. He is married now and has settled down to be a shepherd.

Read Exodus 3:1-4:17

S: What verses, phrases, words or feelings stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated" or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit? How does this text feel to you? What images or metaphors are most compelling for you?

O: What do you think Moses is feeling and thinking throughout this interaction with God?

O: What does God want and why?

O: Moses gives God several reasons/excuses for not going to Egypt. You can find those in verses 3:11, 3:13, 4:1, 4:10, and 4:13.

Walk through each reason/excuse. How does God respond to each one?

What do we learn about Moses and what do we learn about God in each of these interactions?

O: What kinds of promises or assurances from God do you think Moses wanted? What kinds of promises and assurances did God give him? Is there a difference between the two?

O: What do we learn about God when he asks us to do something that we don't want to do?

A: Is there anything that you know God is asking you to do, but you're resisting him? What do you hear him saying to you today through this scripture? How will you respond?

P: Thank God for calling you to himself through Jesus. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.