



**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

**Welcome:** What do you like best about getting home after being away?

Select what order you choose to do the worship and word section.

**Worship – see notes below**

**Word – Exodus 4:18-31**

Q: Have you ever had to communicate God call on your life to others? How easy or difficult was that?

Q: God stopped Moses in his tracks and forced him to address an issue he had neglected (24-26). Sharing as much or as little as you want have you known a time in your life where God “pruning” of your character has led to growth in your Christian life.

Q: 1 Peter 5:7 “Cast all your anxieties on him because he cares for you” How do you understand and put this verse into practice in your life?

Q: How do you think people form their sense of identity today?

Q: How does God declaration of your identity “child of God” change how you live and see yourself?

Q: People say today that no one can be trusted. How from the Bible and your own life would you share with someone that God can be trusted? Remember Moses put incredible trust in God as he left Midian to go to Egypt.

**Mission –** Alpha starts this week, not too late to invite someone! Pray for both the Alpha’s starting up over the next few weeks, one in the church and one in the Village Inn run by the young adults. Pray for all the helpers, that they would know God’s equipping and strength. Pray for the guests that the Holy Spirit would move powerfully in their lives.

## God In A Box?

Participate in an activity that reminds us that God is all powerful.

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Leader: So often we put God in a box. Sometimes we are afraid to ask God for big things because he might say "no" and then we would be disappointed again. Sometimes we do not feel worthy of God's favor. Sometimes we do not even know what to ask of God.

This exercise is designed to get people talking about God's amazing power and that He is the God of the impossible. We should not box Him in by our limited faith or knowledge of His goodness and desire to move in our lives.

1. Take a small box (a shoe box would work) and put it in the middle of your small group circle.
2. Give everyone 3 small pieces of paper, and instruct them to write, "God can ... " Have them complete that sentence.
3. Have them place these slips of paper in the box.
4. Ask your group, "Have you ever put God in a box?" Then ask, "Why do we so often put God in a box?"
5. Pass the box and have the first person pull out one of the slips of paper and read what God can do. Pass the box to the next person and have them pull out a slip, read it, and pass the box until all of the slips of paper have been read.
6. Follow up by sharing a few passages of scripture: Genesis 18:14; Luke 1:37; Jeremiah 32:17
7. Take a moment and glue all those slips of paper to the *outside* of the box as a visual reminder that we must take God out of the box and trust that He can do all things! Nothing is impossible with God.
8. In closing, praise God for all that He can do!
9. Leave that box in sight for several weeks. Take a moment each week to let everyone write another, "God can ... " statement and glue it to the box. Allow a few minutes for people to talk about the mighty things God has been doing in their lives.