Characters

Week 3

Main Idea

To find our role in God's story, our focus needs to shift from the what-ifs of fear to the what-ifs of following God by faith.

Starter

What is a scary situation you've been in recently? What happened and how did you respond?

Discuss

When you are afraid, do you tend to have a fight or flight response?

Scripture

Have your group take turns reading Exodus 3-4:17 and discuss.

- What is a truth this passage shows you about God and what He wants for your life?
- Which one of Moses' responses to God do you most relate to?
 - What if you've got the wrong guy? (the fear of not being needed)
 - What if they don't believe me? (the fear of not being accepted)
 - What if I'm not good enough? (the fear of failure)
- How does God's response to Moses address those fears?

Lead your group through a Scripture and prayer exercise.

- Read <u>2 Corinthians 12:8-10</u> on your own and write down a fear or insecurity you have related to stepping into the role God wants you to play in His story.
- Write a prayer of trusting God with that fear or insecurity between you and God.
- Ask God to show you one truth about Him He wants you to embrace more fully in your life and one step of faith He wants you to take to play your role in His story.

Apply

Have everyone share how the prayer exercise went for them. What is the truth God wants you to embrace and the step of faith He wants you to take to move more fully into your role in His story?

Spend time praying for each other to have the courage to trust and to follow the steps of faith God is leading you take.

• Make sure to encourage your group to step into a serve-team role if they are not serving with Hope already. You can find all of the serve-team roles for <u>your campus here.</u>