



## **PART THREE: ICNU // Moses**

### **//INTRODUCTION//**

We are in week three of our series, “ICNU.” In this series we’ve been looking at ICNU moments, where individuals have discovered what God saw in them, then empowered them to work to accomplish His plans and purposes. Sometimes though, these ICNU moments show us a weakness, a blind spot, or glaring sin. This week we will be looking at the story of Moses, a man who, like many of us, was an “unlikely” leader. While we all may have our own Moses-like excuse of why we can’t see the leader that God sees in us, God sees our leadership potential and calls us out so that we can positively influence others. God is calling each of us to start new ways of blessing the world that will inspire others to join us as we follow Him.

### **//WEEKEND REWIND//**

As you have had time to reflect and think about this past week’s message, what are the things that either challenged you or caused you to take action in your own life?

### **//WEEKLY REVIEW//**

Read Exodus 2:23-4:31

This passage of scripture primarily focuses on the call of Moses at the burning bush (3:1-4:17). At the burning bush, God reveals himself, his promises, and his purpose to Moses (3:1-22) and also demonstrates his power both through and for Moses (4:1-17). The call of Moses marks the beginning of the role he will fill as the one who will mediate between the Lord and His people. Moses thinks he lacks authority to lead. While it may appear at first that Moses is responding with a lack of self-confidence, this was more of an appropriate response that demonstrated his humility. We often confuse leadership with authority as well, not realizing that leadership is not dependent on us having authority over someone.

1. Talk about an experience you had with either working for or with someone who led from authority or title only.

## //DISCUSSION QUESTIONS//

2. What does it mean to you, for a person, to be called by God?

### **SUGGESTED ANSWER:**

- Being a Christ-follower doesn't mean being called to just believe certain spiritual things. Being called doesn't mean just going to church. Being called doesn't mean trying to do a little good here and there when you can. It means being called by God to be people on mission, to not only bless the world, but to influence others to bless the world. That's what Moses was called to do, and that's what you're called to do. You have been called by God.

3. Like Moses, what are things you think you lack and how are they keeping you from leading where God has called you?

### **SUGGESTED ANSWERS:**

- **Do you have any idea how little I know about the Bible:** God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called.
  - **I haven't been a Christ-follower very long:** While this can be a true statement in some circumstances, don't let your youth or inexperience keep you from following God's will in your life.
  - **Where would I find the time? I'm way too busy as it is:** Do you prioritize your schedule or do you need to schedule your priorities?
4. The Apostle Paul, in Philippians 4:13 writes, "I can do all this through him who gives me strength." Where do you need God's strength most in order to lead where He has called you to?
  5. In the message this past weekend it was said that, "God goes to extraordinary means to call me out of my routine." How is this statement true in your life and where is God currently working in your routine?

## //MOVING FORWARD//

Just like with Moses, God is saying to us "Lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God." You have been called by God. ICNU a leader, called to lead and influence others in changing the world. It's okay to have question marks. Moses sure did. But in the end, he stepped up and stepped into his calling and we need to as well.

## //CLOSING PRAYER//

Take time to pray together and for each other as a group. Also, if any one is struggling with Moses-like doubt, pray that God would give them the courage and strength they need to begin to pursue the things God has called them to do.

## //CHANGING YOUR MIND//

**Ephesians 4:1** "I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received."