Who is God?

Read: Exodus 3:1-22

Main Idea: God is perfect and sovereign and graciously uses imperfect people to accomplish His plan and fulfill His promises.

Key Verses: "Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey..." (3:7-8)

Key Principles:

- · God wants to be known and reveals Himself.
- God will accomplish His plan and reveals His plan.
- God is completely perfect in all things and yet chooses to use imperfect people to accomplish His will.
- God does not need our ability to accomplish His mission, but He does command our availability.
- God is not deterred by the opposition of imperfect creations from His perfect plan to bring deliverance and redemption to His people.
- The knowledge of who God is and what He has done in the past should inspire us to be passionately committed to our calling in the present.

Discussion:

- 1. If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be? How could God accomplish His plan through you without changing anything?
- 2. Why did God use a lot of shepherds? What are the skills and virtues of a competent shepherd that are also valuable in a leader of persons?
- 3. What does it say about who God is that He would use people to fulfill His plan that the world thinks are insignificant? How does that encourage you?
- 4. Think of people you know whom God has sent on various assignments. What were their assignments? Which of your skills might God be able to use?
- 5. Moses asked, "Who am I?" And God replied, "I will certainly be with you" (3:11–12). How does this exchange encourage you to tackle any task God gives you?
- 6. What does "I AM" express about the nature of God? How is that encouraging to you?
- 7. What was the ultimate purpose of God delivering Israel from slavery (3:12, 18)? What is the ultimate purpose of our salvation?

Prayer:

- Focus on the nature and sovereignty of your heavenly Father.
- Pray:
 - o That God would remind you of His power and presence in your life.
 - o That we remember who we are and who God is when we set & pursue our goals.
 - o That we would listen to God's calling and passionately pursue His will for our lives.

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I.	Remember God <u>confirms</u> His <u>promises</u> .		2:23-3:6	
	1.	God never <u>forgets</u> .	2:23-25	
	2.	God never <u>fails</u> .	3:1-6	
II.	Realize God <u>calls</u> His <u>people</u> .		3:7-12	
	1.	God <u>reveals</u> His <u>mission</u> .	3:7-9	
	2.	God <u>prepares</u> His <u>messengers</u> .	3:10-12	
III.	Rejoice that God <u>completes</u> His <u>plan</u> .		3:13-22	
	1.	God <u>knows</u> all <u>things</u> .	3:13-17	
	2.	God <u>has</u> all <u>power</u> .	3:18-22	

NEXT WEEK: How Does God Speak to Us? Psalm 19