

WILD GOOSE CHASE
Duck, Duck, Goose • March 6/7, 2010

ICEBREAKER:

Take some time to get to know each other with some open sharing:

- Describe your biggest challenge this past week....
- Travel around the room a few times, sharing what you're thankful for?

INTRODUCTION:

Read the story of Moses—Exodus 3:1-15. What were Moses' objections to chasing the Wild Goose (God)? See Exodus 4:1-17.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Forty-years is a long time to be on the backside of the desert, in the middle of nowhere, tending sheep. What do you think Moses was feeling or experiencing? What questions were running through his mind? What do you think his view of God was?
2. Moses lived the same routine for 40 years. Share some of the routines in your life.
3. Are you troubled or disappointed by any of these routines? If so, why? Where do you feel like an underachiever?
4. How does the phrase in Exodus 3:1 "one day" express hope in the middle of our routine?

5. Describe a time when God invaded your routine and surprised you and set off a Wild Goose chase. When was it? Where did it happen? What happened?

6. When God has shown up and nudged you in a certain direction, did you ever feel unqualified or disqualified to move with Him? How did it turn out?

7. What was the significance of God showing up after 40 years on the backside of a desert wilderness? Why a burning bush in the middle of nowhere? What lessons can we learn from this event?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

1. What's keeping you from chasing the Wild Goose? List out three areas of life in which you need to experience an encounter with God.
2. God called out to Moses by name. If God called your name, how would you respond?
3. What can you do to disrupt the daily routine in your life? Your spiritual routine? (Let the group brainstorm suggestions.)
4. In order to chase after God, Moses had to get prepared by learning to serve, trust, and obey God. In these three areas, what practical steps do you need to take to get prepared?

THINK ABOUT IT (Something to memorize or chew on)

Psalm 16:8-11 (NLT) *I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me. No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice. My body rests in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your holy one to rot in the grave. You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.*