

## Weekend message Small group study

- complementing the sermon given at St. Paul on 1/17/15 – 1/18/15
- a meeting agenda organized per St. Paul core values
- estimated for a 90-minute meeting

**Equipping** “the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ”—Eph. 4:12

Below is a tool to help delegate the leading/facilitating of meeting components between different small group members.

	Prayer (p.4)	Outreach (p.3)	Word of God (p.3)	Equipping (p. 4)	Worship - Our Redemption Response - (p.2)
Study component leader					

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### Introduction

<sup>1</sup> “Then Moses answered, ‘But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, “The Lord did not appear to you.”’ <sup>2</sup> The Lord said to him, ‘What is that in your hand?’ He said, ‘A staff.’ <sup>3</sup> And he said, ‘Throw it on the ground.’ So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent, and Moses ran from it. <sup>4</sup> But the Lord said to Moses, ‘Put out your hand and catch it by the tail’—so he put out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand— <sup>5</sup> ‘that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.’” (Exodus 4:1-5 ESV)

**Worship** – *Our Redemption Response***5 minutes**

Take turns reading through Psalm 16 (ESV):

<sup>1</sup> Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

<sup>2</sup> I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you.”

<sup>3</sup> As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,  
in whom is all my delight.

<sup>4</sup> The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names on my lips.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

<sup>7</sup> I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.

<sup>8</sup> I have set the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.

<sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.

<sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**All: Amen!**

**Word of God****45 minutes**

1. How did you see God at work in your life this week?
2. What has God been teaching you in His Word?
3. **Review Exodus 4:1-15** (from the introduction). How do you choose what to share with God?

4. What gifts has God given you?
  
5. Considering these gifts, what will you release to those in your life, to your community?  
Everything? Some? Any? None?
  
6. What are the consequences of not releasing what you have? How much do you trust? Did Moses hesitate to obey God's request?
  
7. What is the purpose of releasing the gifts given to us by God? What answer do you find in Exodus 4:1-5? What purpose did God share with Moses?

### Outreach

15 minutes

How have you (or haven't you) given of yourself to conversations with those who do *not-yet-know* Jesus?

### Prayer

20 minutes

Share a prayer request based on what was discussed during this meeting's *Word of God* and/or *Outreach* time. What is that next step in your faith life God is calling you to make? What convicted you from God's Word and/or our discussion of His Word? Please also share a way in which the group may support/encourage you regarding what you've shared. Of course other important matters can be prayed about as well. After all have shared, pray for the person on your left (whether aloud or silently). Pray together in popcorn style (as opposed to going in order around a circle.)

### Equipping *for coordinating next week's meeting...*

5 minutes

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