



The fact is that there will be pain and difficult, even confusing situations caused by, or as a result of the changes we face. Pain isn't the enemy but a built-in part of our life together. Can we transform conflict and stress into something that's for our benefit? It will mean knowing and keeping the Christ in the forefront. LGPC has had numerous Pastors and leaders, each beloved and each for a season or time the Lord has set.

### **Opening Question:**

What does a home-improvement project usually look like when the remodeling begins? How might this be similar to the situation Moses has just gotten into?

**Read:** Exodus 5:1-14; 19-21

What most resonated with you from the passage or from the sermon this past weekend?

Where have you experienced God's presence this week?

### **Understanding the Story:**

Why did Moses request a three day journey into the desert? (See Exodus 8:26-27) In this classic power struggle, what is the root problem? Whose problem is it to solve?

To be rebuffed by Pharaoh was one thing. To be renounced by his own people is another. Do you think Moses questioned whether he heard God right?

Have you ever had an experience where you wondered whether you heard God right? How did you process that? (Notice what Moses does over and over again in the face of personal bitterness and oppression—he turns to the Lord).

### **Living the Story:**

Like Moses, when have you suffered for something that was not your fault?

Read Psalm 95:7-11. In a situation that seemed out of control, the Israelites hardened their hearts and refused to listen. When have you been tested by temporary setbacks and how did you respond?

Some people today don't believe that God still speaks to His people except possibly through scripture. What do you think? Are there other ways that He speaks?

How do you personally listen for His voice? Is there an experience that you can share with your group?

### **Pray:**

Open your prayer time in silence asking God to help you all to be attentive to His voice. Move into praying together as a group and ask each person to name one area of their life where they need help: "God, help me with..." If the group is uncomfortable doing this aloud, break into groups of two or three to pray for the areas of need.