

WEEK FIVE
Moses & the Meantime

Exodus 2:15-22

SERMON SUMMARY

Vs 15 *and he sat down by a _____ . . .* Here Moses had a little provision (water to drink), but no direction. So he just sits there . . . the place of mere provision becomes a comfortable place for Moses while he waits to see what's next.

Vs 18 *An _____ delivered us from the hand of the shepherds . . .* Moses thought he had left Egypt behind when he fled to the wilderness. It's one thing to decide to come out of Egypt; it's another thing for God to decide to take Egypt out of you!

Vs 20 *And where is he? Why is it that you have left the man? Call him, that he may _____ bread.* Moses was wondering how he was going to provide for himself and how he would build connection with people. It turns out the answers to those questions was already within him: his gifts would make room for him (Proverbs 18:16).

Vs 22 *He called his name Gershom, for he said, "I have been a _____ in a foreign land."* Moses somehow felt that Midian was only for the meantime . . . that it was not his final destination. But in the meantime he was content to serve as a responsible member of a loving family. Had he rejected either one, he never would have made it to the burning bush.

The Body of Christ (the church) is like Midian for Moses: it is the place in which God connects us with a family to love and serve while he prepares us for our moment of encounter before the burning bush.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Now take a few moments to answer the following questions so that you can be prepared to participate in the discussion at your Community Group meeting this week.

1. Do you know what your natural gifts are? Name them as best you can in the categories provided .

Intellectual	Musical	Physical
Artistic	Interpersonal	Leadership

2. Do you know your spiritual gifts? If so, name them as best you can in the categories provided. If not, you can take a spiritual gifts test at www.livinghopecc.us/cgldocs.

3. After hearing the message, did you make any decisions to work on changing anything in your life? If so, what and why?
