

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

PRAY TOGETHER

Holy Spirit, we invite you into this time and ask you to open our eyes to how you've uniquely created each of us in your image. Thank you that, like Aaron, you choose to use broken and imperfect people and that our worst moments don't have to define us. Convict us where we've believed lies about our worth or hidden our sin in the dark, and lead us into repentance and freedom. Show each of us a clear next step—how to use the gifts you've placed in us for You and how to serve others with a humble, willing heart this week.

ICE BREAKER

When you were a kid, what was something you were sure you were gifted at—but later found out... maybe not so much? (Like Pastor Kurt thinking he was a rock-and-roll sheep with a great singing voice!)

SERMON OVERVIEW



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In this week's message, Pastor Kurt leads us in a powerful exploration of Aaron's life from the book of Exodus. We discover how Aaron was called out for his gift of communication and served alongside his brother Moses in leading Israel out of slavery. The message challenges us to recognize that being created in God's image means we carry characteristics of the Creator Himself. We are His masterpieces designed with divine purpose to serve His Kingdom. Aaron models servant leadership by literally holding up Moses' arms during battle, demonstrating the idea "that if Jesus is above us, nothing He did is beneath us." We also witness Aaron's greatest failure when he led the nation into idolatry by creating the golden calf, breaking the first two commandments. Yet God's redemption transforms this defining sin into a defining moment, as Aaron becomes Israel's first high priest, the very position that mediates between broken people and a holy God. This reminds us that our mistakes don't disqualify us from God's purpose. Instead, the simple phrase 'but God' changes everything, showing us that He can use our brokenness, redeem our failures, and still accomplish His plans through us.

READ SCRIPTURE

**GENESIS 1:27, EPHESIANS 2:10, PSALM 139:13-18 EXODUS 4:10-16
EXODUS 17:8-13, 20:1-6, 32:1-6, 32:19-24**

CONNECT RELATIONALLY

- 1) Ask each person to share a time in their life when someone called out a unique gifting that was noticed in them through an ICNU conversation. What was the impact? If that hasn't happened before, who can you ask: what is it in me that you have noticed that is unique and can make a Kingdom impact?
- 2) Reflect on Aaron's failure and his progression from fear to pressure to compromise. Where have you experienced this pattern in your own life?
- 3) How can our greatest failures become "defining moments" rather than definitions of who we are? Can you share an instance when one of your greatest failures was used as a "but God" experience where you were extended grace, and the failure was used for God's Kingdom redemptive purposes?

**GROW
SPIRITUALLY**

4) Pastor Kurt opened with Genesis 1:27, Ephesians 2:10, and Psalm 139:13-18 to establish that God created us as His "masterpiece" with unique gifts. How does Aaron's story - from being chosen as Moses' spokesman to becoming high priest despite his failures - illustrate that God's calling isn't based on perfection but on His sovereign choice to use flawed people?

5) Pastor Kurt contrasted worldly leadership with biblical servant leadership, using the example of Aaron holding up Moses' arms during battle (Exodus 17:10-13). How does this incident reflect the teaching that "if Jesus is above us, then nothing he did is beneath us"? What does this reveal about God's design for leadership?

6) The sermon highlighted that "the one who knows you the most loves you the best." How does this truth about God challenge or comfort you?

**LIVE
GENEROUSLY**

7) Pastor Kurt shared a failure and illustrated how we often try to hide our mistakes (like the shoe incident), but God calls us to bring our failures into the light for redemption. What area of failure or sin do you need to stop hiding and instead allow God to transform into a defining moment for ministry and purpose?

8) Aaron demonstrated servant leadership by holding up Moses' arms rather than focusing only on his speaking gifts. Where in your family, workplace, church, or community can you practically apply this principle by asking "How can I be most effective?" rather than "What do I want to do?" What needs around you have you been avoiding because you consider them "beneath" your abilities or status?

9) God wants to use everyone's unique gifts for His purposes, but sometimes it needs to be called out. What specific step will you take this week to have an ICNU conversation with someone whom God has placed in your life, to call it out?

**TAKE
ACTION**

Based on our conversation today, how is the Holy Spirit inviting you to take a next step in practical application? Please answer this statement:

I am feeling convicted to take the following action (keep it simple):

Please ask each member to share their step if they have one. It is ok if you are still discerning and need time to process, pray and ponder.

**PRAY
TOGETHER**

Please take a few moments to ask each member to share a joy or praise and an area of concern. Ask someone to pray over these requests, and please distribute them to all group members so you may continue to intercede for one another between your meetings.

**ENGAGE
TOGETHER**

The Global 6K - Grab your group and join us for our second annual Global 6K for Water on Saturday, May 16th at 8 am at the Carmel Campus. Why 6K?

Because that's the average distance women and kids walk every day for water. We're completing 6K, so they don't have to. This is NOT a race! Walk, jog, roll, or push a stroller; everyone can join in! Each registration brings clean water to a child, and you'll receive a race bib with their photo!