EXCUSES, EXCUSES, EXCUSES

Exodus 3:7-4:17

God's Meeting With Moses at the Burning Bush *(3:7-10)*

Moses' 4 Excuses (and God's 4 Answers)

Excuse 1

- Moses: "Who am I? I'm a nobody" *(3:11)*

- God: "I will be with you" *(3:12; Jer. 1:6-9; Isa. 41:9-10; Mt. 28:19-20)*

Excuse 2

- Moses: "I have no authority" *(3:13)*

- God: "I'll give you my name" *(3:14-15; Phil 2:9-10; Lk. 10:17)*

Excuse 3

- Moses: "They won't believe me" *(4:1)*

- God: "I'll give you my power" *(4:2-9; Mt. 5:16)*

Excuse 4

- Moses: "I lack the required ability" *(4:10)*

- God: "I know your abilities" *(4:11-17; Ac. 7:22)*

Applying the Bible to Life

- Ask this question of yourself: "The one thing holding me back from getting involved (or more involved) in ministry is _____."
    - Do any of Moses' excuses sound familiar because you are saying the same thing about yourself?
    - Which of God's answers to Moses do you find the most encouraging to you?
- What type of ministry do you feel the most called to? What have you done about that?