

# BY CHOICE

BIGGER BRAVER BOLDER

## TALK NOTES - Sunday 13th January

### Week 1 - 'BIGGER... by choice'

'Dear, dear Corinthians, I can't tell you how much I long for you to enter this wide-open, spacious life. We didn't fence you in. The smallness you feel comes from within you. Your lives aren't small, but you're living them in a small way. I'm speaking as plainly as I can and with great affection. Open up your lives. Live openly and expansively!'

2 Corinthians 6:11-13 (MSG)

Our case study... Moses...

Acts 7:23-29 / Exodus 3

### 1. BIGGER sense of perspective

Psalms 147:5 (MSG)

'Our lord is great with limitless strength, we'll never comprehend what he knows and does'

### 2. BIGGER realisation of purpose

If the size of your vision for your life isn't intimidating to you, there's a good chance it's insulting to God

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### 3. BIGGER heart for people

This year Lord...

Give us a BIGGER heart for each other

Give us a BIGGER heart for those who don't know you

## Lifegroup Notes

### Welcome

In what situations do you find it most difficult to make a choice and when do you find it the easiest to make a choice?

### Works

At the start of the year let's make a choice to ask God to lead us towards people who don't yet know God. As a group share and pray for people that you want to see influenced for Christ this year.

What are the next steps you might take in this as an individual? How can the group support you in this?

### Word

This series is called 'By choice' and this week the theme is: 'BIGGER... by choice'

Read Exodus 3:1-14

Try to use your imaginations as you discuss this story...

What intrigues you or puzzles about this story?

God calls Moses into a bigger life; what were the implications for him if he were to accept the call?

Have you had any experiences/encounters where God has got your attention and you had to make a choice?

What happened?

God shows Moses how big He really is and uses the term 'I AM', when have you had your perspective of God enlarged?

What causes your perspective to shrink?

When you think about God calling you to a bigger realisation of purpose for your life, what does that mean to you?

In what areas of your life this year do you want to see more evidence of God at work?

God called Moses to a bigger heart for people, why is this so important and yet so difficult?

### Worship

On a sheet of paper write the words 'GOD IS' in the centre and then encourage the group to write words alongside that. Describe who God is, in order that your perspective of Him can enlarge.

Pray and worship, asking God to help you all to become bigger people this year... by choice!