**“Reluctant Deliverers”**

**Mar-16/17, 2024**

**Speaker: Keith Jenkins**

**Opening:** [15 mins] We suggest you begin with an opening prayer and then a brief “catch up” or “icebreaker” before moving into the *scripture reflection* and *application questions*.

**Scripture Reflection:** [20 mins]Read **Exodus 3:9-12.** After allowing the group time to reflect on the passage, ask them to share what most stands out to them.

**Application Questions:** [40 mins](*These questions will help you and your group dig deeper into the weekend sermon. Feel free to edit or use only those which fit your allotted time.)*

1. In discussing God’s use of “reluctant deliverers” Keith said, *“You and I need to recognize that we are the hands of God extended to a broken world.”*
	1. Share where in your spheres of influence you have the sense that God might be wanting to use you to be His hands? What, if anything, prevents you from taking a step of obedience?
2. Sharing from the story of the Israelites being in Egypt for 430 years, Keith said, *“Sometimes we can feel like God doesn’t see us, but God does see you! He hears your cries and is concerned about where you are”.*
	1. Share a situation or season when you felt like God didn’t see you or hear your prayers for help? Did the situation or season eventually come to an end? What was the outcome?
3. Keith taught, *“The best deliverers are often those who have been delivered. There is nobody better than you to be long suffering, patient, and kind as you help them.”*
	1. Share an example of how Keith’s words have been true in your life?
4. In discussing our wounds, addictions and brokenness, Keith stated, *“It's not your fault what happened to you, but it is your responsibility to heal from it and not allow it to continue to debilitate you and use it as a reason why God doesn't use you.”*
	1. Where would you say you are on the journey of healing? What are some of the ways you have experienced healing from your past wounds/addictions/brokenness? How has healing enabled you to be used by God?

**Closing & Prayer**: [15 mins]

* Have each person in your group share a prayer request, and then have someone pray.
* Pray that CA would be a church of people committed to being used by God for His kingdom purposes.
* Pray that many would make 1st time commitments to Jesus at CA’s upcoming Easter services.