



When You Don't Feel Qualified | Doug Wekenman | 09.13.2026

Weekly Study

SHARE

As group members settle in, take a few minutes to check in with everyone and see how life is going. Share an exciting story from this week, your highs and lows, an answered prayer, or something you're struggling with. If someone is really struggling, rally the group around them and take a few moments to pray over them.

☐ **Share a praise from last week and a prayer for this week.**

GROW

When Jesus called people into leadership, "He ignored every popular idea of His day (and ours) about what kind of person could fit the role." - J. Oswald Sanders

When a leader is required, the world selects the elite.

But Jesus calls the lowly.

When influence is needed, the world appoints the popular.

But Jesus calls the outcast.

When people need to come together, the world chooses the loudest voice.

But Jesus calls the lonely.

When the church needs to be built, the earth falls silent.
But Jesus invites the lost, the broken, and the forgotten.

When God appoints someone, He has already accounted for their shortcomings. He sees something in them they may not yet see in themselves. Throughout Scripture, God has shocked the world in miraculous ways by calling upon “the least of these” to bring hope and healing to the lost and broken.

Through their surrender, fishermen became apostles, shepherds became kings, outcasts became witnesses, and ordinary people turned the world upside down.

We see this in the life of Moses. Caught between two worlds, shaped by a complicated past, and painfully aware of his failures, Moses responded to God not with confidence, but with a question:

“Who am I?”

Who am I to be used by you?

Imposter syndrome takes root when everything you’re not becomes louder than everything God is. Standing before the burning bush, Moses encountered a God who already knew his past, his weakness, and his fear—and called him anyway. In that moment, Moses had a choice to make: he could let his inadequacy consume his calling, or let God’s sufficiency fuel it.

You have the same choice today.

This week.

This year.

You can let everything you aren’t be the chasm that separates you from His love, or you can allow everything He is to stand in that gap as you walk in faithfulness towards who He is calling you to become.

So, what will people say about you 50 years from now? I don't know about you, but I hope they say something like this:

"When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus." - Acts 4:13

Read Exodus 3:1-17

- ☐ **How did this week's message speak to you? What was encouraging, revealing, or convicting?**
- ☐ **Moses asks, "Who am I?" Where in your life are you currently asking God the same question? What do you believe you need to become, accomplish, fix, or overcome before God can use you?**
- ☐ **Where is God asking you to stop staring at the gap between who you are and who He is calling you to become—and start trusting Him to stand in it?**
- ☐ **If someone described your faith 50 years from now, what do you hope they would say?**

M O V E

Isn't God's response to Moses fascinating?

Moses asks, "Who am I?"

But God doesn't answer by telling Moses who Moses is.

He tells Moses who He is.

God doesn't give Moses a list of strengths. He doesn't remind him of his leadership potential, explain why he is secretly more qualified than he thinks, or try to convince him that he is enough.

Instead, God says:

"I AM WHO I AM."

It is almost as if Moses asks, "Who am I?" and God responds:

"You're not. But I AM."

Maybe there's a deeper lesson taking place here.

We live in a world constantly telling us to find ourselves. Look inward. Discover who you are. Define yourself. Believe in yourself.

But Scripture invites us to begin somewhere entirely different.

Look at Him first.

We cannot fully understand who we are until we understand whose we are. And we cannot understand whose we are until we begin to know the heart and character of the One who created us.

Before Moses could understand his calling, he needed to understand the God who called him.

Before we can understand our identity, we need to know the God in whom our identity is found.

And thousands of years after the burning bush, Jesus would take the name "I AM" and show us even more of the heart of God.

Does your soul feel empty?

I AM the Bread of Life.

Does the world feel dark and getting darker?

I AM the Light of the World.

Do you need a new beginning?

I AM the Door.

Do you feel lost?

I AM the Good Shepherd. I am the One who comes looking for you.

Are you exhausted from trying to find your own way?

I AM the Way.

Are you confused by a world of competing voices?

I AM the Truth.

Are you afraid of what waits beyond this life?

I AM the Resurrection and the Life.

The more clearly we see Him, the more clearly we begin to see ourselves. Our identity is not something we invent; it's something we receive as we come to know the One who gave you life.

Read Ephesians 1:3–14

As you read, pay attention to what Paul says is already true of those who are “in Christ.” Don't begin with how you feel about yourself. Begin with what God has said about you.

Write down everything this passage says about your identity in Christ. You should be able to find at least ten characteristics of your identity.

Then reflect:

- ☐ **What label have you carried for so long that it feels more true than what God says about you?**

- ☐ Which truth about your identity in Christ is easiest for you to believe? Why?
- ☐ Which truth about who God says you are is hardest for you to believe? Why?
- ☐ Where have you allowed something other than your Creator to tell you who you are?
- ☐ What does this passage reveal about God's character before it reveals anything about yours?

P R A Y

Take the last few minutes of your meeting to slow down and quietly reflect while listening to "Who Am I" by NEEDTOBREATHE.

As you listen, think about what you've learned this week about who God is and what He says about you. Write down anything that stood out to you. If there are parts of your life where you feel hurt, insecure, ashamed, or unsure of who you are, talk honestly with God about them, and ask Him to bring healing, restoration, and clarity so you can see yourself the way He sees you.

Save what you write and keep thinking about it throughout the week. Pay attention to anything God continues to teach you about who He is and who you are because of Him.

Next week, bring your notes back and be ready to share anything you learned, questioned, struggled with, or felt God speaking to you about.