

Session Outline 4: The One Less Travelled By

This session looks at the story of Moses and the prophecies of Isaiah to help explore how and why God calls His people to an alternative way of living.

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Open

Ask group members to identify three historical or famous people who have made a difference in the world. They might like to think about scientists, philosophers, religious leaders, civil rights campaigners etc. Ask the group members to talk about why they have chosen the people they have – what makes these people stand out?

Engage

Show 'The One Less Travelled By' film from the DVD. You might like to suggest that group members make a mental note (or jot down a shorthand reminder) of any words, phrases or ideas that they find particularly striking.

After watching the film, ask whether anyone would like to share any comments or questions that arose as a result of what they heard and saw?

Explore

The following questions may provide a helpful framework for discussion – use and adapt them as you see fit.

- The film suggests that God asks his people to live differently – what did this look like for God's people in the Old Testament? In what specific ways did God call his people to be different?
- What does this challenge to live differently reveal about God's priorities?
- In what ways do these priorities impact our understanding of mission today?

Read Isaiah 58:1-10 and Micah 6:1-8 together

- What do these passages reveal about how successful the Children of Israel were in responding to the way God called them to live?
- In each of these passages, what are the challenges issued by the prophets?
- In what ways might our churches sometimes be guilty of acting like the Children of Israel, as we see them in these passages?
- What implications do the story of Moses and these passages from Isaiah and Micah have for mission today?

Respond

Ask the group members to think about how they are called to live differently and to identify one way in which they can do this before the group next meets. Ask them to write this on a piece of paper, which you then seal in an envelope (with their name on it). Tell the group members that you will give the envelope back to them when they next meet as a reminder of their commitment.