

## Introduction:

"You are an unceasing spiritual being with an eternal destiny in God's great universe."

- Dallas Willard

## Questions:

What is God's purpose for my life?

How do I discover my calling in life?

*<sup>1</sup> Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. <sup>2</sup> While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." <sup>3</sup> So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.*

Acts 13:1-3

**Discovering your calling:**

**1. You are called to \_\_\_\_\_.**

Acts 9:1-18

Jesus' Invitation:

*<sup>28</sup> "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

Matthew 11:28-29

"The first purpose of your life or calling is to let God love you."

- Rick Warren

**You allow God to love you when you come to Him.**

**2. You are called to \_\_\_\_\_.**

Acts 9:28-30, 11:25

**Paul's silent years:**

- Damascus/Arabia = 3 years
- Tarsus = 10 years

*"He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much."*

Luke 16:10

**It is the decisions you make in obscurity that will shape your destiny.**

Stay focused on the depth and let God be concerned about the fruit.

3. You are called to \_\_\_\_\_.

Acts 13:1-3

*<sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

Hebrews 10:24-25

**Review:**

**How do you discover God's calling for your life?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ your life on Jesus.
2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ with what is in front of you.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ in Holy Spirit directed community.

**What is your next step?**

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. According to Scripture, what is your purpose in life? Does your lifestyle reflect the purpose God has for you?
2. We often forget that God still works even when He seems silent. What did Paul do during the “silent years” of ministry? What is God calling you to do as you wait for His guidance and direction?
3. Hebrews 10:24-25 makes it very clear that fellowship is crucial in the body of Christ. How is God specifically calling you to be in fellowship with your church community?
4. Which of the three ways to “discover God’s calling on your life” do you struggle with the most? What steps will you take today to help you head in the right direction?