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Your group matters.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Icebreaker: You're writing (whatever it is you write); do you use a pen or pencil? If a pen, is it a ballpoint, rollerball, or fountain? If you're a pencil person...is it colored, standard #2, mechanical, or some artsy version? For just regular bonus points, what kind of paper are you using?

1. Pastor Tom shared that we are called to God and shared numerous accounts of people Jesus called in the New Testament. How does it feel as you think about being in the same company as the disciples and others that we've heard about? ([Matthew 4:18-22](#), [16:24-25](#), [John 21:18-19](#))
2. We are called not only to God, but also to become His church, which is comprised of Jesus-followers, not of buildings, church attenders or rituals. When we respond to God's calling to follow Jesus, we become a part of that church. ([1 Corinthians 1:2, 9](#)) What kind of realization is this for you?
3. We are also called to experience His life which include His purposes, peace, freedom, eternal life, to do good and suffering. (Full statements and passages in Message Notes.) How do these showcase the importance of God's call on our lives? ([Colossians 3:23-24](#))
4. The last thing we are called to do is invest our life for Him. Pastor Tom said "God calls us to follow Him and serve Him in every part and place of life." What are some ways you're investing your life for Him?
5. What was the biggest challenge from this week's message, and what steps will you take to create new habits that will enable you to meet it?

Day One: [Matthew 2](#)

Day Two: [Genesis 2](#)

Day Three: [Romans 2](#)

Day Four: [1 Thessalonians 2](#)

Day Five: [Job 2](#)

PERSONAL GUIDE



RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Your story matters.



HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR VOICEMAIL?

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MESSAGE NOTES

When we don't know who we are, or if we have _____ about who we are...it will impact every aspect of our lives...

God calls us:

1. To _____

Note Genesis 1

Greek word = _____ = a calling an invitation...

As God called Israel to be His people in the Old Testament, Jesus called people to follow Him:

- _____ (note [Matthew 4:19](#); [Luke 5:27](#); [John 1:43](#))
- Rich young ruler (note [Mark 10:21](#))
- _____ listening to Him (note [Matthew 16:24](#))
- _____ restoration after his failure and Jesus' resurrection (note [John 21:19](#)).

_____ = *ekklesia* (*kleis* = a calling).

So the Church are called-_____ ones.

This calling is purely an _____ of God (note [John 6:44](#); [Acts 9:1-6](#)).

Note [Romans 1:6-7a](#); [1 Corinthians 1:2, 9](#); [2 Thessalonians 2:14](#)

We have to respond to this _____ to become part of God's special people/family of called-out ones.

God calls us:

2. To Experience His _____

- Called to God's purposes through _____ and painful experiences of life (note [Romans 8:28](#)).
- Called to _____ (note [Colossians 3:15](#)).
- Called to _____ (note [Galatians 5:8](#)).
- Called to eternal life (note [1 Timothy 6:12](#)).
- Called to do _____ (note [1 Peter 3:9](#)).
- Called to suffering (note [1 Peter 4:16](#)).

When God calls us to Himself, it's not a _____ suggestion.

Note [Colossians 3:23](#)

Our _____ calling as followers of Christ is by Him, to Him, and for Him. (Guinness)

3. To _____ Our Life for Him

God calls us to follow Him and serve Him in every _____ and _____ of life...

Where are you finding your REAL ID:

- So here's the biggest challenge for most of us: keeping God's callings in the right _____ and priority.
- Too often we want to know Jesus' _____ calling for our life and make that the first priority.
- The best way to know the specific ways God wants us to daily invest our lives is to make sure we've responded to His invitation (say 'YES!' to Jesus as Lord), and that everything we do, we do for God's _____.

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey! Let us know, too, and fill out our connect card (digital* or in person).

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- Apostles (note Matthew 4:19; Luke 5:27; John 1:43)
- Rich young ruler (note Mark 10:21)
- Crowds listening to Him (note Matthew 16:24)
- Peter's restoration after his failure and Jesus' resurrection (note John 21:19).

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So the Church are called-out ones.

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- Called to God's purposes through good and painful experiences of life (note Romans 8:28).
- Called to peace (note Colossians 3:15).
- Called to freedom (note Galatians 5:8).
- Called to eternal life (note 1 Timothy 6:12).
- Called to do good (note 1 Peter 3:9).
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When God calls us to Himself, it's not a flippant suggestion.

Note Colossians 3:23

Our primary calling as followers of Christ is by Him, to Him, and for Him. (Guinness)

3. To Invest Our Life for Him

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