

# MESSAGE DISCUSSION GUIDE

Whose Calling // Week 1 // Craving

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## ICEBREAKER

If money and time were not a factor, what's one hobby or interest you would pick up today?

## KEY SCRIPTURE

**1 Corinthians 12:15-18**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Read 1 Timothy 4:12.** In your own words sum up what Paul was trying to tell Timothy.
2. Often our inexperience with something keeps us open minded, humble, and maybe better equip to be creative and complete a task. Have you ever witnessed this in your own life?
3. In this week's message the saying "God doesn't call the equip, He equips the called," was a major theme. What does this statement mean? How does this go countercultural to our society and the urge to pad our resumes with experience?
4. Thinking back to the icebreaker question. Do you have a hobby that you could use for serving? Have you ever considered serving in this way?
5. How does **1 Corinthians 12:15-18** reverse the thinking that certain people are more valuable than others?
6. Why do you think the Enemy wants us to think and feel like we aren't needed or important? What danger does that type of thinking produce?
7. How do you know God has an area for you to serve? **Read Ephesians 2:10.** What does God prepare for each of his children before they are born?
8. Have you ever done something kind for someone, but realized in the process you were the one feeling blessed? Talk about this with your group.
9. How does focusing on our own problems, like lack of time, energy, list of home projects uncompleted, etc. prevent us from looking outward? How does serving turn our gaze from ourselves and our needs to others and their needs?
10. Jesus tells us that he came not to be served, but to serve. In order to serve we need a heart willing to grow. Where is your heart when you think about serving? Are you eager to serve? Do you feel drained when you think about serving? Do you feel like you have adequate time or enough energy? How could you make changes in your schedule to remove some of these obstacles or feelings? What might you need to change?

## PRAYER

If you are not yet serving, complete the challenge below and take some time to pray this week that God would grant your heart the desire to grow in your walk in Him through serving. If you're already serving, take a time of prayer to reflect on the things God has been doing in your heart. Thank Him for this, and talk to Him about ways you hope to see Him continue moving.

## CHALLENGE

Which one of the three thoughts do you feel you relate to the most? Feeling unequipped, feeling unneeded or feeling consumed with personal needs? Talk with a group member about it, and ask them to help hold you accountable as you pray for the God to grant you the desire to grow and serve so that you can take the next step and start looking for ways to do so.