

# COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

**Called** Message Series

**Moving Forward When We Are Afraid**

for the week of September 13, 2020

1. Are you more of a homebody or do you prefer exploring new places?

We are starting a series on calling – and where we believe God is calling us to move forward towards as a church. Yet the term “calling” can be a tricky one to navigate because people – even Christians – have used the term calling to justify behavior that is contrary to the character or behavior God wants for us.

Read 1 Corinthians 1:9; 1 Corinthians 1:24; Galatians 5:13; Colossians 3:15; and 1 Peter 2:9-10.

1. What stands out to you about the concept of calling from this sampling of verses? How does it contrast with how you’ve heard people talk about how God “is calling” them to do something?
2. Bottom line: If we sense God calling us to do something, it first and foremost is about changing our character to be more like Jesus. Second, God doesn’t call us to do something if it means becoming less like Jesus in our lives.

The calling for RVCC is to be as faithful as possible in helping as many as possible in Pierce County become followers of Jesus. We believe this is rooted in a clear calling for every church to fulfill the Great Commission, *“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”* Matthew 28:19-20

3. Many churches, if we are being honest, are okay with not reaching many outside their group. What factors are most common in your opinion that lead to people in churches becoming so inwardly focused?
4. At RVCC, we want to see as many lives transformed by Jesus as possible in Pierce County. What sacrifices might you need to make to help us accomplish this vision? What sacrifices might our community group be called to make? Our church?
5. This really begins with prayer. Leaders, walk your group through visually where to go on Daily Rhythm page at [rainerview.org/dailyrhythm](http://rainerview.org/dailyrhythm) to find the weekly prayer guide.
6. Each person share when would you be willing to pray these prayers, each day, for God to lead us forward together to pursue this vision? It’s not about an amount of time – even just one minute daily might be the starting place of BIG change in your life and in the life of our church because of it!

Close by praying for the leadership of RVCC and that your group would be an encouragement and an active supporter of pursuing the strategy for accomplishing the vision that we believe God wants us to pursue here.

Leader: Thank you for your willingness to lead your group forward to not just talking about what we want to see God do, but taking specific steps to see that vision become real. You are a foundational part in helping lead us to the new future that God is inviting us to!



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