

God-Made: Embracing My Calling

You've been created in God's image to bring God's Kingdom from Heaven to Earth. You've been given Jesus' authority to change the world, and you've been sent to a specific people and place to see this happen. So, it's important for us to live as our God-made (not genetically modified) selves. This series is focused on helping us, the church, understand our calling as ministers, and therefore, our role in tending to the sheep (people) we are called to shepherd, right where we are in our workplace.

3 Stages In Embracing Our Calling:

- 1) Embrace the space, place, role God has called you into.
- 2) Minister to and in your situation.
- 3) Bring the Kingdom where you are.

LOOKING BACK:

FAMILY TIME (25 min)

- Vision Statement: Explain the vision of lifegroup.
- Intro Question: What is your favorite retreat place? Where do you go for rest?
- Praise Reports and Prayer Requests (Allow space for your group members to update on previous week prayer requests as needed).

LOOKING UP:

WORSHIP (20 min)

- Spend time in worship together.
- Some possible song suggestions:

This is a Move - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLkHygFqOno (11 min)
You Came (Lazarus) - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gRG5U-RaVdI (8 min)
Lean Back - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gHQOcUizZuQ (10 min)

BIBLE STUDY (20 min)

Ephesians 2:8-10

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

DBS questions:

- 1) What strikes you/stands out to you from this passage?
- 2) What do you learn about Jesus?
- 3) What do you learn about people?
- 4) What do you learn about God?

LOOKING FORWARD (20-30 minutes) - Journaling Prayer

[GETTING SPECIFIC] - Have each of your small group members take some time to ask God, "God, what are the good works that you have specifically prepared in advance for me to enter into with you?" Have them journal out some thoughts that they feel God is giving them. Take some time after everyone is done to pray specifically for one another into these different thoughts and ideas from the Lord.

KIDS' LESSON SUGGESTION:

DISCUSSION and DRAWING Exercise (Materials: pens, pencils, crayons, markers and paper) -

Ask your children, "What does it mean for us to be God's handiwork?" Lead them as necessary towards an understanding that being God's handiwork means we have actually been made by God. Woah!! If we're made by God, then that means that each and every one of us must be pretty special and wonderful to God (Psalm 139:14)!

Then, ask your children, "What is something special about how God made you?"

Have them draw this out if they can. If they are struggling to come up with some ideas, ask them "What is something you really like about yourself?", and have them put this into a drawing.