

Life Group Discussion Guide

Sermon Title: Significance is Found in God's Summons

Series: Connecting With God

Welcome & Getting to Know One Another

Share a time you felt out of place or uncomfortable in a new situation, and how it turned out. This helps us get to know a bit about each other's experiences and resilience.

Centering

Take a quiet moment to center your soul on God's presence. Have one member read the following Scripture aloud slowly, 3 times, allowing space for silent reflection after each reading:

Scripture Reference: Ephesians 2:8-10

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

Conclude with a brief opening prayer, inviting God to guide your discussion and open your hearts to His teachings.

Exploring

Today's discussion revolves around the concept of significance—not as the world sees it, but as defined by God's summons. As not everyone may be familiar with the content of today's sermon, let's recap the key points:

1. Created for Significance: We are designed by God, equipped for good works, which were prepared for us in advance.
2. Significance is a Call to Service Not Status: True greatness comes from serving others, as exemplified by Jesus.
3. Significance Comes From Our Savior Not Our Salary: True value and purpose are found in our relationship with Jesus, not in material success.

If someone missed the sermon, ask for a volunteer to read aloud:

Scripture Reference: Matthew 20:26-28

Scripture: (italicized & indented) *Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

Questions:

- How does understanding that we are God's "handiwork" change the way we view our daily activities?
- Discuss a time when serving others led to a sense of personal significance.
- How can we shift our focus from seeking status to embracing service in our community?
- In what ways can recognizing our value in Christ impact our professional lives?
- (Secondary question) What are some practical steps we can take this week to align more closely with God's call to service?

Ending

Break into smaller groups of two or three, as able, to pray for one another for what you might be facing this week. Share one area of your life where you feel challenged to live out the teachings from today's discussion. Pray for each other, asking for guidance and strength to serve as Jesus served.