

August 2 Discussion Questions

“The Call to Work”

1 Peter 4:7-11

Preview

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace... in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 4:10,11

Three Indicators of Vocation:

1. **Gifts** - use everything God has given you
2. **Passion** - follow your excitement and holy anger
3. **Service** - maximize your usefulness to people

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10

Connect

1. What other professions did you highly consider pursuing earlier in life? What made you change your mind?
2. What made you choose your current profession? How has God uniquely gifted or wired you to fill that role?
3. How does our culture tell us to consider a career field? How is this different for a Christian?

Read 1 Peter 4:7-11

Discuss

4. According to v.8, what is the highest priority of a Christian? How does this simplify your mission in your place of work?
5. How would you define a spiritual gift? How is it different from a talent or skill?
6. What is the purpose of a spiritual gift? How are we tempted to skew the purpose of these gifts?
7. How would you counsel a high school graduate who's confused about what to do next?
8. Have you wrestled with the amount of spiritual impact you are able to have at your job? Why is this so? How can you change your perspective on the value and impact you can have at work?
9. Do you have an inspiring story of how God has used your faithfulness at work to impact others?

Apply

10. How can you increase your fruitfulness at work?
11. What are your spiritual gifts? How are you using these to serve others? How might God be prompting you to use these more specifically?
12. What are you passionate about? How might God be prompting you to apply that passion in meaningful service?
13. What are you thankful for today as you look back upon the years you've invested at your job?

Pray

Personal Prayer Focus: Pray for obedience to do the good work God has called us to. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

Ministry Prayer Focus: Pray for teachers, students, and parents as the school year is beginning.