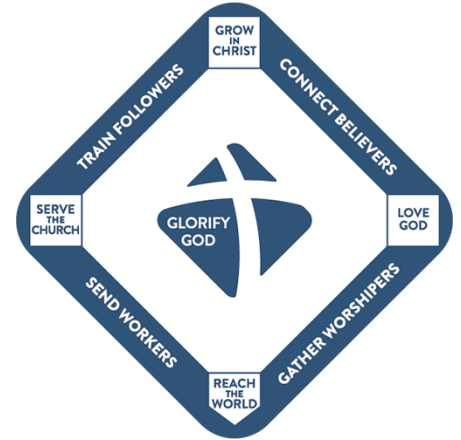


# Discover your Calling

**Discipleship is becoming like Jesus.** As followers of Jesus we are to model our lives after his life (character) and ministry (calling). **Character x calling = impact.** Jesus had perfect character and He perfectly obeyed the Father's call on His life. And so, Jesus changed the world. His impact was infinite, as it continues to ripple through time right to this moment today. **Our pathway to become like Jesus is a baseball diamond.** First and second base develop our character. Third base and home plate mobilize us into our calling.

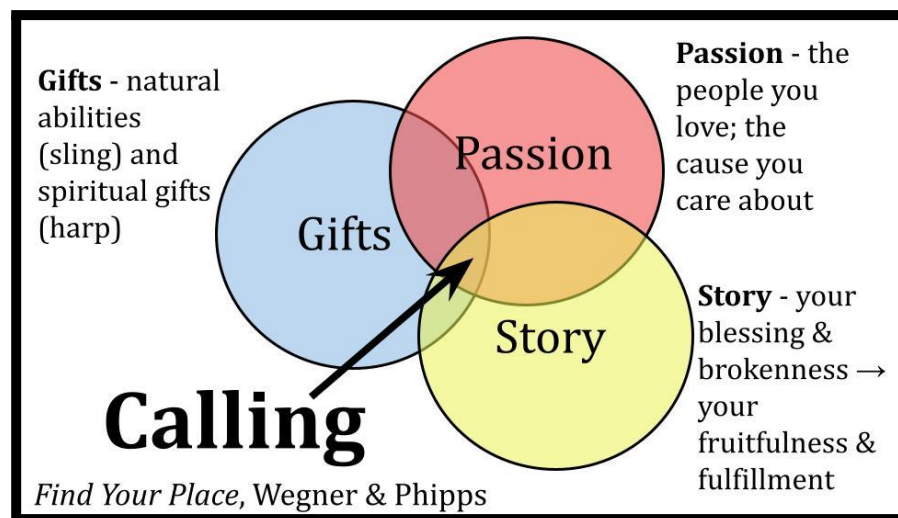


**What is God's call on your life?** How can you grow in the fruit of the Spirit (character) and the gifts of the Spirit (calling) this school year? What part of the world will *you* change for Jesus?

*"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

**Calling:** your unique **Assignment** from God - the good works He has prepared in advance for you to do, as you make disciples for His glory.

All believers are commissioned to make disciples (Matt. 28:18-20). In addition, all believers are given spiritual gifts to serve the church and advance God's kingdom purposes in the world (Rom. 12:1-8). You discover your specific assignment at the convergence of **three signals from the Lord:** your gifts, passion and story.



You have **natural abilities** and skills you were born with and have developed - like David's sling, which he learned to use as a shepherd. But David also had a harp, a supernatural ability (**spiritual gift**) that God used to minister to King Saul through David's music. You also have a **passion** - some issue or people group that is always on your heart and mind. And you have a

**story** God is writing - weaving your success and your suffering into your ministry calling. Tune in to these three signals, with input from close friends, and you will find your unique assignment from God.

What if, instead of **Scattering** your service where you live, work, learn, worship, eat and play you **Concentrated** your ministry in only one? What if 2-3 other Christians joined you in this ministry focus? Build an **Eph. 4:11 Team** with an apostle (starter), prophet (fixer), evangelist (gatherer), shepherd (encourager) and teacher (clarifier) - this will multiply your collective impact!

- Calling may start with **Volunteering** but it does not end there. It is about surrendering your entire life in service to King Jesus (Rom. 12:1).
- Calling may relate to **Vocation** (and will certainly shape how you work) but for most Christians it is separate from how you support your family financially (2 Thes. 3:10).
- Calling is not just for **Pastors and Missionaries** - it is for every follower of Jesus to maximize your impact for the kingdom (Eph. 4:12).

# Character x Calling = Impact

Your discipleship equation *multiplies* your ministry effectiveness (calling) by your personal integrity (character). If your character is a 3 and your engagement in ministry is a 4, your impact is a 12 (out of 100 possible). Develop your character to a 7 and your calling to a 6 and your impact jumps to 42. Stick around for our winter series on growing into the character of Christ!

Take the free assessment at [www.giftpassionstory.com](http://www.giftpassionstory.com) (from the KC Underground).

<p><b>GIFTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natural abilities (sling): _____ _____</li> <li>• Spiritual gifts (harp): _____ _____</li> </ul>	<p><b>PASSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People you love: _____ _____</li> <li>• Causes you care about: _____ _____</li> </ul>
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(encourager) or **teacher** (clarifier). [www.5QCentral.com](http://www.5QCentral.com) \$10 assessment