

Sermon Notes:

Vocation - from latin word "vocare", meaning "to call" or calling.

-for centuries the idea of vocation was only applied to religious clergy. After the protestant reformation Christian leaders began to teach that a vocation or calling was for everyone not just those called to church work.

3 kinds of callings:

1. Highest Calling - First and foremost he has called you into relationship with Jesus

Passage: 1 Corinthians 1:9

2. Common Callings - these are the callings of God in regards to how we live our lives.

Passage: 2 Timothy 1:9, Ephesians 4:1

3. Specific Callings - Directly related to what we are called to do individually. This usually plays itself out as a job.

Passage: Ephesians 2:10, Romans 1:1

How do I know what my specific calling is?

1. **Needs of the world.** The single strongest indicator of what God wants you to do is probably your awareness of what needs to get done to make the world more like what God intends.

Passage: Jeremiah 29:5-7

2. **What are your giftings and talents?**

Passage: Romans 12:6

3. **What are the desires that God has placed on your heart?**

Passage: Psalm 37:4

What about the rest of us?

Throughout history, most people have had the job of slave, farmer or homemaker, and that is still the case in much of the world outside the most developed countries. it seems that circumstances prevent most people from choosing jobs they truly desire to do.

Passage: 1 Corinthians 10:31

Passage: 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12

Life Group Discussion

(feel free to use any or all of these questions)

Warm Up:

1. Share a highlight and a lowlight from your past week with the group
2. What is the best part of your job? If you are a homemaker, student or retired, what is it that you like most about what you do with your time?

Study & Discussion:

Read together: Romans 1:1, Jeremiah 1:4-7

Both of these passages are about two people (Paul & Jeremiah) that had a “call” upon their lives.

- Have you ever sensed a specific call to something? explain to the group.
- How can you apply that passage from Jeremiah to your life? How is it not applicable?

Sometimes we can get so caught up in the specific things we do that we can forget God’s highest calling in our lives. In your opinion what is God’s highest calling for you?

Read together: 1 Corinthians 1:2-9

Look specifically at verse 2 and 9. What is God’s calling for you that you can see in this passage?

Read together: 2 Timothy 1:9

When Paul describes to Timothy that God has called us to a “Holy Calling”. What does that mean?

How does God show us His grace through this “Holy Calling”?

Prayer:

1. Pray for each others individual needs? Also.....
2. Is there someone outside the group you would like prayer for?