

Knowing the Call

A concise handout with Scripture references

1. Our Calling Begins With Identity

At Jesus' baptism, the Father declares His love and pleasure:

Matthew 3:16–17 – “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

Calling flows from relationship, not performance.

2. Grace: The Foundation of Calling

Ephesians 2:8–9 – We are saved by grace, not works.

Grace = God's riches at Christ's expense.

God's call is an invitation into life with Him, not a demand to earn acceptance.

3. How We Discern God's Call

- Scripture – “Your word is a lamp for my feet.”

Psalm 119:105

- Peace – Christ's peace rules and guides.

Colossians 3:15

- Prophetic leading – God confirms direction.

Acts 16:10

- The Body of Christ – Together we have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:16

- Circumstances – God uses life to reveal our hearts.

Deuteronomy 8:2

- Renewed mind – Transformation enables discernment.

Romans 12:2

4. What We Are Called To

- Holiness – 1 Peter 1:15–16

- A worthy life – Ephesians 4:1

- Freedom expressed in love – Galatians 5:13

- Peace – Colossians 3:15

- Good works prepared in advance – Ephesians 2:10
- Following Christ's example – 1 Peter 2:21
- Fellowship with Jesus – 1 Corinthians 1:9
- Eternal glory – 1 Peter 5:10

5. What We Are Called Out Of

- Darkness into light – 1 Peter 2:9
- Jesus' word for "church" (ekklesia) means "the called-out ones."
Matthew 16:18

6. Called to Be Salt and Light

- Our presence changes environments because God is with us.
- Influence and favour can exceed natural status.
- God's blessing can flow into workplaces because we are there.
Genesis 30:27
- Being a follower of Christ brings responsibility.

7. Calling in Practice

- God equips us for His will.
Hebrews 13:20–21
- Often our calling is simply what is in front of us.
Ecclesiastes 9:10
- Guidance often comes as we move.
Isaiah 30:21

8. Called to Community

We are one body with many members, belonging to one another.
Romans 12:4–5

9. What Believers Are Called to Do for One Another

- Encourage – Hebrews 3:13

- Spur to love and good works – Hebrews 10:24
- Serve – Galatians 5:13
- Instruct – Romans 15:14
- Honour – Romans 12:10
- Be patient and forgive – Ephesians 4:32
- Bear burdens – Galatians 6:2
- Speak truth – Ephesians 4:25

The local church is where these callings are lived out.

10. Breaking Bread

- “This is my body... do this in remembrance of me.”
1 Corinthians 11:23–24
- Sharing one loaf expresses our unity.
1 Corinthians 10:17
- Communion proclaims the Lord’s death until He comes.
1 Corinthians 11:25–26