



Pull Over | March 2, 2016

Discussion Guide

The Scoop

We are all searching for meaning and hoping to find a clear answer to the elusive “calling.” The truth is that God is into what we are into. He wants to join us in aligning our passions and skills with his ultimate plan. We look far and wide when our purpose maybe closer than we think.

Key Verse

Matthew 4:19 (NLT)

Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!”

Discussion

The word “calling” is too often thrown around as if it’s a mystical thing we need to discover on a vision quest in the middle of the wilderness or at the very least during an intense session of hot yoga. We have made it something so big and so mysterious that it seems so elusive. It’s almost as if it is intended to be something we spend our lives searching for and only a select few actually find it.

1. What is your understanding of “calling?” How have experienced or interacted with the word?
2. Who do you know that seems to have found or seems to be living out his or her calling?

The word “calling” has been used in ways that blow it out of proportion. It causes anxiety inside of us as we wonder if we will ever find it, how we will know if we find it, and what if we think we find it but are wrong. As we read and interact with the Bible it seems as though God regularly meets people in the middle of the path they are already walking.

3. What are your passions? What are you good at doing? What drives you?
4. How have you experienced God meeting you on the path you are already on? How might God use your skillset and passions?

The two things that seem true of the Matthew 4:19 verse are 1. Follow and 2. Trust. Following means being willing to take steps toward God and allowing him to work on aligning your skills and passions with His story. Trusting means continuing to show up with an open heart and open mind even when it feels like nothing is happening.

5. What do you think Jesus’s invite of “Come follow me” looks like in your life?
6. If Jesus used fisherman to fish for men, what would that translate to in your lie situation?

What’s Next?

God is asking us to trust and follow—to follow and trust. Trust that the light is always on and you can pull over and talk to God at anytime. The light is on so you will pull over. This week be more intentional about taking time to stop, pull over, and pray. The more you communicate with God, the clearer the path in front of you becomes. Invite God to join you on your journey toward so the two of you can co-author an incredible story.