

WHY AM I HERE?

DISCOVER YOUR CALLING

My Committed Calling Robert Morris

Focus We are all called to ministry. We have all been given different gifts, and we all have something God is calling us to do in the kingdom of God.

Fun Everyone loves candy—especially chocolate. Set out a bowl of Hershey's chocolate hugs and kisses for all to enjoy.

Review

Key Scriptures: Ephesians 4:11–12; Genesis 13:2; Genesis 26:12; Amos 1:1; Nehemiah 1:11; Mark 1:20; Acts 18:1–3; Genesis 4:14; Psalm 73:28; Hebrews 7:19; Hebrews 10:22; Mark 5:6; John 11:20, 28–29; John 21:5–7; Luke 15:20; James 4:8; I Corinthians 12:14–18; Romans 12:4–6; 2 Kings 3:11; Acts 11:27–30

Many great men and women in the Bible were NOT in vocational ministry. God can use anyone. How do you find out what your *committed calling* is and minister in that calling no matter what your vocation is?

1. Draw near to God.

We can draw near to God even if we've had a bad day, week, year, or a bad life—even if we're grieving, mad, sad, in bondage, or have been away from God for a long time. God has made us clean. It's always a good time to draw near to God. You are never going to discover and minister in the calling God has for you without drawing near to God.

2. Discover and develop your gifts.

We are all members, and every member is important. Just as we receive material gifts that we unwrap and learn to use; likewise, we have all received spiritual gifts that we need to unwrap (*discover*) and learn to use (*develop*).

3. Do something.

You might not start off doing what you think you are called to do, and you may not start at the top, but you can start somewhere. We are all called to the ministry, so draw near to God, develop your gifts, and do something.

Group Dynamics Idea You never know what season of life a person may be in, so take some time to encourage those around you with an encouraging word or a simple act of kindness.

Discuss

1. Read Ephesians 4:11–12. We are all called to be saints, and saints are called to ministry. Have you discovered what your spiritual gifts are? Do you know what your ministry calling is?
2. Think about your ministry calling. We have all been given spiritual gifts in order to fulfill the calling God has for each of us. Are you drawing near to God, even in the hard seasons, in order to discover and develop those gifts? What are some ways we can draw near to God?
3. Read Romans 12:4–6. We are all part of one body, but we do not all have the same function; however, we all must make a commitment to develop our gifts and use them. What are two or three things we can do to develop our gifts and equip ourselves for the ministry God has called us to?
4. Look around you—your community and your work environment. Are you using the gifts God has given you to make a difference? What are some things we can do to minister to others?

Take Home

- James 4:8 says, “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” Pastor Robert says “Run and hug.”
- Read the entire chapter of 1 Corinthians 12. The members we can’t see are the most important.
- This week’s points (“My Committed Calling”) line up with last week’s points (“My Christian Calling”):
 1. Draw near to God—Knowing
 2. Discover and develop your gifts—Growing
 3. Do something—Glowing

Pray Lord, thank You that You made each of us unique with a specific purpose. Father, help us discover and develop the gifts You’ve given each of us so that we may fulfill the calling You have on our lives. Lord, open our eyes and our hearts that we may see and know the steps to take to be an equipped saint. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Be aware of members in your group that may not know what his or her spiritual gifts are or know how or where to use them. If needed, help them find a place to start.