

"Live Your Purpose"

September 11-12, 2021

This provides about one hour of focused reading and discussion. Use the **portions** you find most helpful. If you have a prayer need, ask a friend or two here to pray with you, and to support you in prayer this week.

1. Our design from the beginning is to **image** God... *to be His image-bearers.*

- Read **Genesis 1:26, 27, 31, Ephesians 2:10, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, and Matthew 22:34-40.**
- To be his image-bearer is to be His representative in this world. How do I serve as His representative in my daily life?
- "Your art says something about you... so what are you saying?" When you look at the results of what you spend your time on, what does that say about you?
- How does God want to use you?

2. God chooses and uses **unlikely** people.

- Read **1 Corinthians 1:24-31, Matthew 5:3 and 11:25, and Psalm 8:2.**
- Looking back, how has God used you, even though you may have felt inadequate?
- Share about an experience in which you were really surprised at God's choice in using someone to accomplish his purpose.

3. His invitation for us is to **follow Him**, to serve.

- Read **John 13:1-17, 1 Corinthians 11:1-2 and 15:9, Hebrews 12:1-3, Ephesians 5:1-2, and Philippians 2:5-7 and 12-13.**
- What aspect of service appeals to you?
- How do the acts of service that Jesus demonstrated motivate you?
- How do you handle it when someone treats you like a servant?

4. What does a **servant** look like?

- Read **Matthew 18:4, John 15:12-13, and Mark 9:33-37.**
- Discuss the concept of a servant "neighbor" in the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) through the comparison raised by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.:
 "...the priest and the Levite likely asked, "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?" The Samaritan likely asked a very different question: "If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?"
- What comes to mind when you think about serving?
- What has God shown you about the value of servanthood?

Questions to consider and pray over:

- Are we **willing** to serve?
- What is my **ministry** right now?

"Go Light Your World"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6G-UcfvNam8>

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