

## **STUDY GUIDE: Our Great Exchange**

Week #3 | CALLING

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This in-depth video-based study explores why our almighty God entrusts us to be managers of - and collaborators in - his restoration project.

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### **INTRODUCTION**

To be called by God does not necessarily mean being called to formal ministry. But what IS important about discerning your call from God is to know that when he calls you to work with him in the world, he is calling you to partner with him in a way where your specialties can shine and you CAN make a difference!

### **WATCH VIDEO**

#### **CHAT**

- What questions did the video story raise for you?
- Have you had an experience that made you question your usefulness to God? What can you learn about that from this story?

#### **READ AND DISCUSS**

Psalm 8:1-9; I Corinthians 10:31; Romans 12:6

So many people have a hard time making sense of what feels like a meaningless, dead-end job or circumstances. Stewardship asks us to see our work in a broader perspective; more than making a living, for a Christian, God's master purpose is not occupational employment but rather, fulfilling a day-to-day, moment-by-moment mission of the Holy Spirit.

- Do you think God wants you doing the job you are doing? Why or why not?
- Why do we think we tend to privilege the calling to formal ministry as being more "spiritual" over other types of callings?

In the video teaching, Liske says that God gives us specific dreams, visions, temperaments, talents, etc., and that our calling(s) will align with that.

- Can you identify the ways in which this is true in your current circumstances?
- Do you have a distinct sense of when and to what end has God uniquely called you?
- How are our callings related to who we are as individuals? What is the relationship between our callings and those around us?
- Do you think that our calling can change?
- At what times in your life have you felt that your job or circumstances limited you from living out your calling?
- What burdens are specific to your calling?

Preacher and author Oswald Chambers (1874-1917) wrote: *"It cannot be definitely stated what the call of God is to, because it is a call into comradeship with God himself for his own purposes, and the test of faith is to believe that God knows what he is after. The call of God only becomes clear as we obey, never as we weigh the pros and cons and try to reason it out."*

**APPLY**

Are there any untapped interests in your life that you might use for God's glory? This week, make a list of what you think your gifts are. If there are gifts you've not actively developed or employed in the past year, write down three ideas how you might do that in the following month.

**CLOSE IN PRAYER**