

STUDY GUIDE

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START WITH PRAYER

Use this Prayer Prompt



Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us and designing us with purpose. We confess that we often search frantically for our calling, treating it like a hidden treasure, while forgetting that proximity to You is the actual goal. Help us to stop trying to manufacture our significance and instead simply abide in You. Let Your light pass through us, revealing the unique way You designed us to reflect Your glory. Give us the grace to join in the prayer Jesus is already praying for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

STUDY THE BIBLE

Think through and discuss your reactions as you read through Scripture:

- John 17:20-24
- Genesis 1:26, 31
- Ephesians 2:10
- Matthew 6:9-10

STIR UP DISCUSSION

How does this week's teaching affect me personally?

1. Have you ever had a "searching for your phone while it's in your hand" moment when trying to figure out God's will for your life? What were you searching for, and how did it feel?
2. The sermon suggested that "prayer is not initiating a conversation; it's joining a conversation that is already happening." How does knowing that Jesus was praying for you in John 17 change how you approach prayer?
3. Think about the prism metaphor. God's mission is the pure white light, and our calling is the unique color we refract. Have

you been trying to manufacture your own "color" instead of letting God's light pass through you? What does that look like in everyday life?

4. "Proximity to Jesus is your calling. Everything else... is just context." How does this statement challenge the common idea that our calling is defined by our career, ministry role, or achievements?
5. Jesus prayed that we would be with Him where He is (John 17:24). If Jesus is actively involved in bringing the Kingdom of Heaven to Earth, where do you sense He is inviting you to join Him right now (in your home, workplace, or neighborhood)?

STEP INTO ACTION

Let's try to apply this by taking some Next Steps.

1. Stop Finding Your Calling, Start Finding Jesus:

This week, shift your focus from asking God "What should I do?" to simply asking "How can I be closer to You today?" Spend 10 uninterrupted minutes each day simply abiding in His presence without an agenda.

2. Stop Comparing Your Color:

Identify one area where you frequently compare your spiritual journey, gifts, or season of life to someone else's. When you catch yourself comparing, intentionally thank God for the unique "color" He has given both you and them.

3. Pray Jesus' Prayer:

Read John 17:20-24 slowly. Turn it into a personal prayer: "Father, make me one with Jesus. Let me see His glory. Let the world know Your love through my life." Pray this daily.