

**Anchor City Home Groups**  
**Fall 2018: Myths of Vocation**  
**Session 2 Discussion Guide**

*Note: Session 1 will cover the Intro, Story, and Name portions of Session 1. Session 2 will cover Explain, Reframe and Engage.*

### **Gather**

- During the meal or as an intro to the study time, ask the question, "Did anything joyful occur at work this week? Was there anything difficult?" *Remember that for some, work will mean work in the home and be sure to mention it as a reminder to the group.*

### **Recap**

- Spend some time recapping the last session's themes.
  - Myths of Vocation: If I check all the boxes, I'll be fulfilled
  - The myth is that as long as I have all the boxes checked that I think leads to the ideal life: work, marriage, children, home, etc, that my life will have purpose and meaning.
  - Spend a couple of minutes in contemplation, giving home group members a chance to remind themselves (or think about) what their personal boxes might be.

### **"Explain"**

- Have the group read the "Explain" section, taking turns to read it out loud.
- Have the group re-look at paragraph 2 on page 17 (starting with "The danger in thinking...") This paragraph is saying that a life of "checking the boxes" cause us to answer the questions of identity and purpose incorrectly.
  - **Ask: when was the first time you remember being confronted with these questions? How did you go about answering them? Do those questions still come up today?**
- Have the group re-look at the final paragraph on page 17 (starting with "while the theology of vocation.")
  - **Ask: Have you ever thought of calling as collective, starting first with our relationship with Jesus and the leading of the Holy Spirit? How does this change your perspective about calling to realize it is not merely about yourself?**
- Spend some time reflecting on the questions on page 13.
  - The last part of question 1, "What new mantra for people pursuing the good life?" might be a fun one to do together. You might start it with the sentence, "The good life is..."
  - Question 2 is a question of how we have been taught about the Holy Spirit – both in the past and now.
  - Question 3 is a little confusing so it might be helpful to break it down into two parts:
    - What in society or your cultural context contributes to the myth, "IF we check certain boxes, we'll be fulfilled." (e.g.: I've worked hard to attain all that I have on my own.)

- What in society or your cultural context fights against it? (Realizing and remembering my community helps me to remember that my identity is not about what I have accomplished.)

### Reframe

- Have the group read the “Reframe” section together. Since this section is a little longer the group might appreciate taking some time to read it individually and then come back together for discussion. **Ask if there was one section or part that particularly resonated with them.**
- Look at page 20, the middle paragraph, “*Our sense of vocation is formed, not found. Calling is dynamic, not static.*” This has been mentioned several times throughout the readings. **Ask: How has your calling/vocation/work been dynamic (changing)? What were some of the things that brought about the change?**
- **Ask: In the reading, what is it that community helps us as individuals be formed to do?**  
*Page 22: Listen to God, Give us the support to risk, experiment with new ways of being.*
- Spend some time reflecting on the questions and Bible study on pp. 24-25.
  - On question 4, you might ask how we as a group (home group or church) are being called to risk together.

### Engage

- Read “Engage” together. As noted at the beginning of the reading, this section is for the purpose of reflection for each person, so spend some time reflecting individually on this section. Then come back together and answer these questions together:
  - How do you see God at work in your vocation/calling? Do you have any insight into how God is at work through me in my vocation or calling?
  - As a group, as we look at our individual callings and gifts, is God calling us to risk or experiment anywhere together?
    - The hope for this section is that eventually each home group might be able to do some experimenting together. More on this to come!

### Closing

- Close the time together by sharing any prayer requests and spend some time praying for one another.