

Anchor City Home Groups
Fall 2018: Myths of Vocation
Session 3 Discussion Guide

Note: Session 3 covers Myth 2, "My Calling is My Job," intro, story and name. Session 4 will cover the remaining half. Please keep in mind that for some, the vocational conversation is what they do in the home as opposed to in an office.

Gather

- During the meal or as an intro to the study time, ask the question, "What job would you be terrible at?" as an opening discussion question.

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, I'll have the ideal life: go to the right school, get the right job, find the right person to marry, have the right kids, etc.

"Intro"

- Have the group read the "Intro", taking turns to read it out loud.
- Pay attention to the sentence, "However our particular calls can vary widely from person to person, and even within the span of one's person's life." (pp.5-6)
 - **Ask: How have your calls varied throughout your life?**

Story

- Read part 2, "Bob's Story" together. Depending on your group, you may want to take turns reading this out loud or giving several minutes to read on their own. **Ask: Was there a part of Bob's story that resonated with you?**
- At the end of the first paragraph on page 8, Bob says, "You've got to provide for your, family, and you can't just do what you wanna do. You're not working for yourself. You gotta do what you gotta do, even if you don't like it. **Ask: How does this sentence resonate with you? What emotions does it evoke? How does this fit into your idea of calling and vocation? What parts of your vocation do you find that you don't like? Have you ever found that there was a job that you had that you didn't like at all?**
- On page 9, Bob says that all of his work, "helped form my worldview of being a Christian. **Ask: Have you ever thought of your vocation shaping you (either positively or negatively)? In what ways?**

Name

- Read part 3, "Name" together in the way that you've determined your group feels most comfortable. (Note: Sometimes it's good to mix it up how you do these readings.)

- **Discuss the following:**

- Was there a part that resonated with you? Was there something that you wanted to discuss or clarify?
- Have you ever tried to literally answer the question, “what do you do?” Take some time with a partner to answer the question of what the actual tasks are that you do throughout the day.
- We're reminded that calling is about relationship. How does your vocation help you in your relationship with God? What kinds of relationships are you called to in your current vocation?
- Continue on with the discussion questions on page 16.

Closing

- After finishing the discussion questions, read Philippians Romans 8:28 together and spend some time contemplating and meditating on it together. How is the Holy Spirit speaking to each home group member through this verse?
- Close the time together by sharing any prayer requests and spend some time praying for one another.