

## Respond to the call to serve: *Accepting God's call*

### LESSON AT A GLANCE

#### Facilitator Notes:

- Keep in mind, as you discuss and teach today's lesson: God's purposes for your life are made up of the various things that God calls you to do.

#### I wonder...

- Does God have a specific purpose for my life?
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- Does my calling from God affect all parts of my life?

#### I believe...

- God designed and created me with a purpose in mind.
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#### Materials:

- *Here I am Lord* - NAC Hymnal 133 (for lyric reference)
- IGNITE Bible
- Chart paper or whiteboard
- *Do Something* music video by Matthew West on YouTube  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b\\_RjndGolX8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_RjndGolX8)

#### References:

- Bible: Exodus 3-4, Isaiah 6:8, Romans 12:4-8, Ephesians 4:1-16

### PRE DISCUSSION MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND STUDENT (TO BE SENT VIA EMAIL OR TEXT)

Can you think of a time when you were asked to do something you didn't feel you were able or equipped to handle? How did you respond? This week we will be talking about God's call for us. Join us tomorrow for small group at \_\_\_\_\_.

### POST DISCUSSION MESSAGE TO PARENTS (TO BE SENT VIA EMAIL OR TEXT)

#### Facilitator Notes:

- Please keep the main message intact, but feel free to add local information as necessary.

Dear Parents,  
 This week the "I wonder..." questions are about God's calling, and responding to His call. God has a purpose for all of us and it is up to us to listen for His call. This week, consider having a discussion with your student about what you believe God may be calling you to do. As always, if you have any question about the topic, feel free to contact us.

Your Youth Leaders

### SUNDAY SERMON REFLECTIONS (up to 10 minutes)

**Facilitator Notes:**

- Allow 2-3 students to share their reflections. For larger groups, vary who shares from week to week.

- What Bible verse was used for the basis of last Sunday's sermon?
- What were some of the main takeaways? What did you learn?
- So far this week, how have you applied what you learned from the sermon last Sunday?
- Going forward, how will you apply what you learned from the sermon last Sunday?

### HOOK (up to 10 minutes)

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- How are you and how are you feeling today?
- Who would like to share their point to ponder or call to action from last week?
- Play the music video, "DO SOMETHING," by Matthew West.
- Have you ever felt the tug to "do something," but didn't know how to do it or what to do?
- Did you ever think that it could be God calling you to "do something" when you felt this tug?

### SET THE STAGE (1 minute)

**Facilitator Notes:**

- Preview the "I wonder" questions with the students.

**I wonder...**

- Does God have a specific purpose for my life?
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### LESSON (up to 25 minutes)

**Facilitator Notes:**

- Consider writing the student's answers on a whiteboard, and supplement or summarize with the bullet points.

**Student Question #1 What do you think of when you hear the word "call" or "calling"?**

- Someone is trying to communicate with you. This could be through a phone call, or calling you from across a room.
- Someone who calls you often wants or needs something from you.
- What do we do when someone calls us? Do we ignore them, or RESPOND?
- God loves us. He calls us for a purpose. We need to listen and respond.

- Review the story of Moses and the burning bush in Exodus 3-4 with the students before asking the question. Read the **SPOTLIGHT: God calls Moses from a bush** on page 71 of your IGNITE Bible together.

**Student Question #2 How did Moses respond to God's call?**

- Moses questioned God four times as to why he was chosen to lead God's people out of Egypt, citing his weaknesses.
- Moses felt inadequate to fulfil God's plan.
- Moses lacked the faith or belief that God would equip him.

**Student Question #3 How can we hear God's calling for us?**

- We are unlikely to come across a burning bush. God calls us through an inner voice; what you feel drawn to could be God calling you. Read the **FLASHPOINT: Knowing and Finding God** on page 72 (especially the LIVE IT section) in your IGNITE Bible together.
- Ask God through prayer to lead you to what His purpose is for you.
- Through reflection and introspection, God speaks to us if we are listening.
- God also works through the people around us; don't discount a conversation you've had with someone where you left feeling called to action.

- Refer to Romans 12:4-8. If you are familiar with any of the spiritual gifts, as mentioned in Romans, they can be discussed further here.

**Student Question #4 How does God equip us for what He calls us to do?**

- God gives us spiritual gifts, a personal style, and passions for fulfilling our callings.
- God will not ask us to do something without equipping us to do it. This is where faith comes in, especially if we feel inadequate.

- Let your students know that throughout the semester there will be opportunities to brainstorm and engage in serving activities.

**Student Question #5 What do you feel your calling could be right now?**

- God calls us to do things in all aspects of our life: church, home, school, and community.
- Discovering your Spiritual Gifts is a great way to find out more about your calling. It's an ongoing discovery because your gifts and calling will continue to change over time.

## WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME? (up to 10 minutes)

### Facilitator Notes:

- **Isaiah 6:8:** Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

**Wrap up the lesson with this question: How should I respond to God's calling? Do we respond with a "Here I am, Lord" attitude? Are we open to God's call? Think about the lyrics to our hymn 133, "Here I am, Lord." Are we willing to respond in this way?**

### Close with the "I Wonder..." questions

- Ask a student to read an "I Wonder..." question, and invite another student to answer with an "I Believe..." statement or an "I Believe..." statement in their own words.
- As you review each question and answer, stop and check in with the group to be sure there are no misunderstandings or misconceptions.
- Remind the students that on their Confirmation day, they will or have already promised and committed to surrendering themselves to God in belief and obedience.

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### Point to Ponder...

- What gifts might I have, and how will those help me to fulfil God's calling?

### A Call to Action...

- Take some time for prayerful reflection and introspection, and ask God what He is calling you to do. Read the **FLASHPOINT: Communication** on page 74 of your IGNITE Bible. If you feel that God is calling you to do something, think about starting a journal to document the journey. Write down how you feel God is directing or speaking to you. Write down people who know God and know His Word that you can talk to about what you feel called to do.

### Weekly Reflections

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