

## **Discovering Your Heavenly Calling Small Group Guide**

**Warm-up Question:** (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. When you were a child, how did you answer questions like, “What do you want to be when you grow up?”
2. What is something that you could do for a long period of time that you think might bore others?

**Read the following passages:** Acts 26:12-23; Ephesians 2:10.

The apostle Paul knew that he was called by God for a very important purpose. This sense of calling shaped the direction of his life. We, like Paul, have been made for a purpose, and when we understand God’s purpose for our lives, we can live more effectively in the present.

**Questions for Discussion** (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. What are some purposes that God wants each of us to embrace? (See, for example, Matthew 22:34-40; 28:18-20; Ephesians 4:28; Hebrews 3:13; 10:24-25.)
2. Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, Romans 12:3-8, and 1 Peter 4:10-11. Are there any specific spiritual gifts that you think God has given to you for the benefit of others? Explain. Are you using these gifts regularly in your life?
3. Read Acts 11:19-26; 13:1-3. Describe how both fellow believers and God himself play a role in understanding and walking in our calling.
4. How would you describe the mission of your local church? Are you playing an active role in fulfilling that mission? Explain.
5. Read Romans 15:17-20; 2 Timothy 1:11-12. What was Paul’s mission? Do you have a personal mission statement? If so, what is it? If not, how might such a statement be helpful?
6. What do you think God wants to do in and through your life in this season? What are some obstacles that might stand in the way of you walking in this purpose? What is one step you can take to begin (or to continue) walking in this purpose?

**Pray**