

Know YOUR Ministry Plan: “what is My Call?”

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Jer. 29:11

Jesus is “CALLING:” Someone else is in charge, leading and speaking.

- **Two Questions:** “Who am I?” & “What am I supposed to do?” Clue: When you’re asking these questions, it’s a sign you are seeking Jesus’ call.
- **First “Call” (First Priority):** **KNOW** Jesus through repentance and forgiveness of sins. Trust and receive Jesus. Make it your #1 goal in life to know Jesus (1 Corinthians 1:9; John 17:3)
- **Listen! God’s Word:** Recognize Jesus speaking thru His word: written, spoken, revealed & in flesh. Jesus, the Good Shepherd said that His sheep recognize His voice and follow Him. (John 10:4) Don’t listen to other voices.
- **CALLED: KNOW, FOLLOW, (uniquely) SERVE** Jesus through living, active relationship with Him.

ACTION STEP:

DISCIPLE: Follow Jesus as His disciple (apprentice), being transformed and trained by Him. (Matthew 4:19)

- Daily Repentance & Conversion (Mark 1:4, 14-15; Acts 2:38-39, Small Catechism- baptism section)
- In the Word, the Holy Scriptures ... Trust in His promises. (Matthew 4:4; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Romans 10:17)
- Spiritually Formed through Prayer & Disciplines (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18; Matthew 6:5-13; Luke 18:1-8)
- Called by Jesus, 24/7 (Ephesians 3:20-4:1; John 10:3-4)
- Inviting the Holy Spirit ... Continually (Ephesians 5:18; Acts of Apostles; Matthew 3:11)
- Producing & Reproducing: More Disciples & Fruit (Mark 4:1-20; Matthew 28:18-20)
- Living relationship with Jesus & His followers (1 Corinthians 1:9; John 17:3; Matthew 4:18-22)
- Endlessly & Eternally: Know Follow Serve (Philippians 3:7-14; Matthew 4:18-22; Matthew 28:18-20)

ACTION STEP:

POWER: To be effective, you will need divine power! Continually invite and be filled with the Holy Spirit (Eph. 5:18)!

- Know how the Holy Spirit is already at work in you! Identify your scriptural spiritual gifts: Functional gifts (Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:28); Functional & Equipping gifts (Ephesians 4:11-12); and Manifestational gifts (1 Corinthians 12:8-10). Take the spiritual gifts questionnaire at www.callinc.org.
- Identify your other strengths & assets (See diagram on reverse side).

ACTION STEP:

MISSION: Identify Your Mission Field ... “Out” (Luke 10:1-2): Where can you have a kingdom influence now?

- The living God says repeatedly to you: “Do not be afraid.” Fear is a weapon of the devil to immobilize people.
- Identify how the Lord is calling you to be a missionary, 24/7! How can others help and support you?
 1. How does God want you to serve now: “close-by” (Jerusalem), a bit farther out (Judea), still farther away (Samaria) and to the ends of the earth? Your mission field will shift and change throughout your life.
 2. Where can you partner with the Lord, having a kingdom influence & transformative impact in all of life: family, work, “glocal” (local to global) and when you gather with other believers (congregation)?
 3. What is your sphere of influence in culture & society? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N2LzsUw4aDE>
 4. How can you bring Jesus’ rule, reign, redemption, & resurrection power to people, places and problems?

ACTION STEP:

GUIDANCE: Use these principles! Pray! Seek guidance from God’s Word! Don’t do it alone: <http://www.faithwebbing.com/>

- **Holiness Principle (1 Peter 1:15; Romans 12:1-2):** Holiness = Dedicated or set apart for God’s purposes; **Surrender** your life as a living sacrifice to the living God, dedicating all that you do to His purposes.
- **Desires of Your Heart Principle (Psalm 37:4-5):** Commit your way to the Lord. Ask Him to give you His desires.
- **Custom Designed Principle (Romans 8:28):** The Lord has already custom designed you for His purposes.
- **Ask others** who know you well to encourage you, pray with/for you, and hold you accountable. Who will do this?
- **ACTION STEP:**

HELPFUL SCRIPTURE, LINKS & RESOURCES:

- Scripture: Psalm 32:8-11; Psalm 37:4-5; Psalm 139; Joel 2:28-29//Acts 2; Matthew 13:31-32
- Resources & Seminars: www.callinc.org ... **Pastor Wendy; Email: pastor.wendy@sbcglobal.net**
- Use a prayer journal. Try: **Custom Designed Reflection Guide** (available at callinc.org); Also: faithwebbing.com