



LIFE 1-17-08 Calling in Everyday Life

Opening Prayer-My God, my God, where are you? In my darkest hours, I cried for you, but you didn't answer. Do my petitions fall on deaf ears? Do you choose to ignore me? What have I done to anger you, my God? I believe in you. From the bottom of my heart, I call for you. Yet you do not answer. Where are you, my God? Send me a sign—a bird singing in the sun, a smile from a stranger; tell me you're here. O God, answer me. I've done all that I can. In faith, I leave the rest in your divine providence.

Skit - (texting, braiding hair, private conversations, knitting, coming in late, etc.)

Ten Commandments of L.I.F.E.

1. Thou shalt be respectful in chapel
2. Thou shalt accept others and be open.
3. Thou shalt keep cell phones OFF. (Calls and texts accepted from God only)
4. Thou shalt keep your hands to yourselves (no purple, PDA)
5. Thou shalt not participate in piggy back rides.
6. Thou shalt be respectful of other LIFERs.
7. Thou shalt be respectful of group leaders.
8. Thou shalt stay with the group in which thou is assigned
9. Thou shalt not distract other LIFERs from experiencing their faith.
10. Thou shalt be prompt.

Name that Calling *Act out and then read Bible verse or explain why it is a calling*

Saul on the road to Damascus -- Acts 9:1-22

Parable of the Talents --Matthew 25:14-30

Eli and Samuel --1 Samuel 3:1-21

Moses and the burning bush-- Exodus 31:22

Mary being called by angel Gabriel—Luke 1:26-38

Joseph and his dream –Matthew 1:18-25

Peter given keys to heaven—Matthew 16:13-20

Rich man called to give up his possessions –Luke 18:18-29

Zacchaeus—Luke 19:1-10

David and Goliath—1 Samuel 17

Sampson-hair—Judges 16:13-22

Abraham and Isaac sacrifice—Genesis 22:1-18

Pentecost—Acts 2:1-12

Jesus calling his disciples, “fishers of men”-- Mark 1:16

Sinners/Tax collectors/outcasts—Matthew 9:9-13

Zechariah-father of John—Luke 1:57-66

Jonah—Jonah1:1-17

Daniel—Daniel 6:1-28

Joseph coat /dreams -- Genesis 37:1-36

Jesus forty days in desert—Matthew 4:1-11

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John the Baptist—Matthew 3:1-17

Song What Are You Looking For? By the Sick Puppies Nick

Personal Callings TALK-Jenn

Small Groups

1. How could you relate to Jenn's talk?
2. Have you ever felt God calling you to do something?
 - a. If so, explain the experience
3. How can you tell that God is calling you to something?
4. What do you think God is calling you to do on a day-to-day basis?
5. How do you think this could relate to your whole life?
6. How can you relate to any of the skits that you did?

Ordinary People doing Extraordinary things movie clip--Callings can be more subtle and found in everyday things. Emily to explain why she picked this clip for this topic

Guided Reflection

Song- meditation music

How is God calling me to live everyday?

Could God be asking me to rethink my calling at this point in my life?

How is God calling me to respond to different problems in relationships with different people in my life?

How is God calling me to live a moral centered life?

Closing Prayer

God, you have been with me when the sun set, when things were peaceful and harmonious, when you may have been left in the shadows of my happiness, not forgotten, yet ever present in my joy. God, you have been with me when the sun went down, when there was no light to see, when I was at my most pitiful, sorry, and unlovable state, when I knew nothing would change, and I would remain alone. You came out of the shadows and picked the sun back up, you took away my sadness, replaced it with a new beginning, a new foundation of strength, wisdom, understanding, and loyalty. God, you have seen me at my best. You have seen my worst. You have loved me through my rights and my wrongs, forgiving and understanding me when I thought it impossible. Help me to follow your examples and grand me mercy. *Pass around candle for petitions.*