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Overview

Thank you! We applaud the fact that God has touched your heart to see the importance of helping others find their place in God's story! We recognize that not everyone who leads is a theologian, or pastor, or even in vocational ministry. We also recognize that there are few things as frustrating as wanting to jump in and serve, but not feeling equipped to do so. This guide should help alleviate some of those concerns. Some who choose to lead may use his or her teaching gift to instruct. Others may use their gift of exhortation to facilitate. Our goal with the Facilitator Guide is to provide Christ followers, who have diverse gifts and talents, the basic materials needed for a dynamic group session. A general outline with suggested questions and discussion starters are included - perfect for facilitating a group that has completed the homework assignments as encouraged. In addition, we have included several appendices, corresponding with specific session outlines, which include additional information for those facilitators wanting to go deeper.

Remember that apart from God, you can do nothing. To see the results that God desires, your heart must be totally surrendered before Him. Secondly, there must be total dependence upon the Holy Spirit to work through you, to affect the lives of those in your group. Finally, your genuine care and prayers for each member of your group are vital for building trust and unity, for long-term relationship, and fellowship that transforms community.

Ultimately, we have tools and an online process, but these only serve as a platform for God's purpose of getting people engaged with Him, and with one another, to build loving community within the Body of Christ. As His people engage their world, we believe lives and communities will be transformed!

Format

Below you will find the content elements used for the Facilitator Overview and also for the Outline. These are meant to help you prepare for your classes and to communicate the truths found within. *These items are just for you as the Facilitator.* Additional materials may be found in the appendix, if noted in the Overview under "Preparation for Class", which will allow you to go deeper, should you have the time and desire to do so. These additional materials will help bring overall clarity and help you to feel the heart of the chapters to which they apply.

Main Focus – One or two statements that, we believe when understood, prompt action from the participant.

Primary Objectives for this Session – Clear and concise statements that serve as the major discussion points for the Session Outline.

Session at a Glance – Bullet point statements that recap the objectives for the session, in more detail. The contents of this section of the Overview also serve as a helpful "check list" for the Facilitator to ensure the main objectives were discussed.

Crucial Participant Takeaways – At the end of each session we encourage you to ask the participants what one or two things really resonated with them. We call these “takeaways.” There are no wrong answers; however, we do want to make sure they grasped the “call to action” or life application from each chapter. Their responses to your question will help you know how to best help them in their own personal discovery. This section of the Facilitator Guide lists the “takeaways” the authors hoped for.

Session Summary – This is the “big picture”, and the “heart” of the session; it expresses how we hope the truths expressed will affect the participants.

Outline – This will be a general outline for you to use, but not so specific that it quenches the Holy Spirit’s leading as you plan for your specific group. This is an example of the flow of the Outline template we will use:

- Welcome and brief review of previous session
 - Prayer and welcome
 - Brief review, allowing for questions or comments
 - Major theme for this session
- Primary objectives for this session
 - Suggestions for using white board
 - Suggested videos
 - Ideas for interactive discussion
 - Possible visual illustrations, or activities
- Questions and Takeaways
 - What one or two things impacted you in this chapter?
 - How will it change what you do tomorrow in your daily walk?
 - Crucial Participant Takeaways will be listed here.
- Close
 - Prayer Requests and Prayer
 - Homework assignment

FACILITATOR NOTE: Occasionally, throughout the Facilitator Outline, we may add a “**Facilitator Note**” to help you with suggestions or reminders that you may find beneficial.

Preparation for Class – Your checklist prior to each session to ensure you are prepared when participants arrive:

- Videos queued that may be shown in a particular chapter
- Computers, cables, TV monitor etc. if needed
- Handouts to be copied

- Reminder of materials to be reviewed
- What students need to bring to class
- Name badges/marker
- Room Layout/ white board/ flip chart
- Confirmation of location and reserved times
- Reminder to pray!

Final Comments

We hope you find the Facilitator Guide to be helpful and not overwhelming! Our prayer is that you would feel confident and prepared as you lead your group.

This is meant to be a guide, only. Our goal is to provide adequate information for anyone to utilize, at the level in which they are most comfortable, and in line with their personal style of teaching or facilitating. Ultimately, *THIS PROCESS IS ABOUT TRANSFORMATION* and that is the work of the Holy Spirit. Don't let this guide get in the way of His working through you and in the life of each participant!

We want you to feel at ease in your role as Facilitator. It is not your role to make sure everyone finds his or her calling; that too, is the role of the Holy Spirit. Pray for each person specifically as you discover the obstacles in their life, the chains that are binding them, the illusions of truth they live out daily that are, in reality, lies. You can do more for each participant through prayer than through any great teaching session. Pray that God would loose on earth what is in heaven for each person in your group.

The goal of the 210 Project book is to bring truth and context to the process. The online interaction, personal discovery and day of solitude, are meant to draw participants even closer to the still, small voice of God and, to help people move to practical action. We want to help people gaze upon the face of God so He might undo them and rebuild them, for His purposes.

As with all new groups there can be some “silent moments” which may seem awkward. You might feel as if you have to “fill in” any perceived gaps. Rest assured that as members of the group become more familiar with one another, those “silent” times become more rare.

Some in your group might want to jump ahead and get into the online processes. Let them know you will be guiding them through all of these at the appropriate time. For those that are not as “tech savvy,” there is a tutorial video available on the 210 Project website. (www.210project.com) Generally, the project is very user friendly and they will find encouragement throughout the process.

Please know that you have our prayers and our support throughout the study! If need be, we can make ourselves available, by e-mail and by phone, to answer questions or provide additional help.

Lastly, we are so excited for you and for the individuals in the group that God has assembled. We believe once people discover their calling, they cannot help but fulfill that calling and engage the world around them. And when that happens, we believe that the Church will turn the world upside down for the glory of His Name! Let the adventure begin!

Session 1



Facilitator Overview

INTRODUCTION

Main Focus

God has a plan for this generation and you have a specific purpose and calling to fulfill in that plan. In this chapter we will discover the scriptural source for your calling and the pathway for finding your place in God's story!

Primary Objectives for this Session

- General introduction of group and leader
- Participants will understand that they were designed to fulfill a unique role in God's plan, in this generation
- Participants will gain an overview of the 210 Project process.

Session at a Glance

- Provide an opportunity for participants to get to know one another, and to hear how God orchestrated circumstances and events, to lead each person to participate in this group process.
- Provide a general explanation of the 210 Process – Book, Online Assessments, Timelines, Day of Solitude and Group Interaction
- Help participants understand that the 210 Project is not a formula, but rather a uniquely designed personal process of transformation to help them discover their unique calling in Christ, along with a plan to engage the world through that calling.
- Share the expectations and commitment needed for this process
- Ensure they grasp the truth that God has a plan for this generation and each participant has a role in that plan, regardless of their past
- Point to Scripture which specifically addresses individual calling

Crucial Participant Takeaways:

- Until we can answer the questions, "why are we here?" and "what does God really want me to do with my life?" we will have a sense of emptiness, a feeling that there has to be more to life than this.
- God has uniquely created you for significance and purpose. This truth gives your life great meaning as you engage your world by fulfilling your calling.
- Life gets exciting when you know daily that God has a place for you in *His Story*!

Session Summary – In this introductory session your goal is to cast the vision that God is working in this generation. He uniquely designed the individual members of your group to bring glory to Him by engaging their culture, with the works that He has already prepared for them to do. If we fail to understand or live out our calling, we suffer loss individually, and corporately, as the Body of Christ. The harmful impact will be evident in our homes, our churches, and in our commu-

nities. However, if we choose to embrace this calling, we will begin to see the transformation that God is doing in us and through us. We will experience the great adventure God has for our life and we will see Him do great and mighty works all around us in ways we could never have dreamed possible!

Our prayer is that the participants will truly internalize that their lives are so much more than the daily routine of work, family and going to church. We pray they come to realize, “God does have a purpose and plan for this generation, and my purpose and calling is imperative to God’s plan!” How exciting that we might play a small role in helping others in that discovery!

Preparation for Class – begin praying for each participant when class registration first begins.

- 1) Run copies of Outline Handout (**Appendix 1**) for each class participant
- 2) Let participants know to bring the following to future sessions
 - a. The 210 Project Book
 - b. Bible/pen/paper (or mobile applications)
- 3) Have a sufficient number of books and codes for those who are purchasing books on site.
 - a. Determine method of payment if you or your church/group have purchased books in quantity and expect reimbursement from participants
- 4) Provide website info for those purchasing an online book
- 5) Spend sufficient time reviewing Leader’s Guide Overview and Outline
- 6) Set up for class:
 - a. Arrive at least 30 minutes to an hour ahead of start time
 - b. Arrange chairs and tables according to size of group, to encourage interaction
 - c. A white board or flip chart will be useful/ markers
 - d. A laptop that is internet ready and cued to “Every Kid Has a Dream” found at:
www.alliance-ministries.org/guidevideos
 - e. Access to a large screen TV or projector with HDMI cable.
 - f. Your Facilitator Guide, a Bible, pen and paper
 - g. A sign-in sheet where you may capture names, e-mail addresses and phone numbers for communication throughout week
 - h. Name badges and marker
- 7) Pray for each of your group members by name throughout this entire process

Outline Handouts

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Session 1



Facilitator Outline

Introductory Session

1) Welcome & Introductions

a. Introduce Yourself (Facilitator) – OPEN IN PRAYER

- Tell about your family, your work/ministry
- Share how the 210 Project has personally affected your own journey
- Explain your role as a facilitator and friend in their own discovery

b. Participants introduce themselves

- Tell about your family and work
- Share how you found out about the 210 Project
- Share what you hope to gain.

c. Share your excitement for the class and your desire for them to find their place in God's story

d. Share primary objectives of 1st session:

- To help you understand that you were designed for a specific purpose and role in God's Story, in this generation
- To gain an overview of the 210 Project process.

2) Understand that you were designed to fulfill a role in God's plan, in this generation

a. Show video “Every Kid has a Dream”

b. Questions after the video:

- *What emotions did you experience as you watched the video?*
- *Why do you think people let go of their dreams?*
- *When you look around you, do you see God's people advancing His kingdom?*
 - Give examples of suffering: natural disasters, financial woes, untruthful leaders, countries going bankrupt, rogue nuclear nations, persecution
- *What areas of pain do you see in your own community?*
 - Give examples of addictions, broken marriages, moral and ethical crisis in business and culture

FACILITATOR NOTE: The following questions may be used as a springboard to discuss God's sovereign plan and power over all creation.

- Do you think God has a plan for this generation, or have we passed the point of no return?
 - What role do you think God intends for His children, the Body of Christ, to take in addressing the problems we see in our communities?
- c. Explain that God unequivocally has a plan for this generation, just as He does for all of time , and we are part of that plan.

FACILITATOR NOTE: Ask several students, before class begins, to each take one or several passages and read the scripture associated with the statements, as they are mentioned

- God is in control of the Universe, space and time (Revelation 1:8; Revelation 22:13; Isaiah 46:10; Colossians 1:16-17)
 - God is in control of the nations (Isaiah 14:26-27; II Chronicles 20:6; Psalm 33:9-11)
 - God is control of man and circumstances (Acts 17:26-27; Proverbs 16:33; Proverbs 16:9, 20:24)
 - God has a plan for his people despite circumstances and failures (2 Timothy 1:8-9; Ephesians 3:14-21; Romans 8:28-31)
 - God has a plan for YOU! (Ephesians 2:10)
- d. This takes us to what *The 210 Project* is all about:

3) Overview of the 210 Project

- a. Why the book was written and what it attempts to answer
 - 210 Project helps to answer two questions:
 - Why am I here?
 - What does God really want to do with my life?
- b. The 210 Project is designed to help you discover:
 - Clear view of God and His plan for this generation
 - Clear calling He has given you
 - Clear pathway to engage in your calling
- c. About the 210 Project
 - The book was co-written by three authors
 - The 210 Project includes several components
 - Book
 - Small group discussions
 - Online Processes including:

- d. Spiritual DNA assessment (how God has wired you - Psalm 139)
 - Strengths/personality profile
 - Passions assessment
 - Spiritual Gifts assessment
- e. An Interactive Timeline that helps you to look back and evaluate all of the people, circumstances and life events that God has brought into your story over a lifetime, in order to shape you into who you are today.

FACILITATOR NOTE: You may want to comment on how unique the timeline component is, as it gives us a window to our past to see how God has used everything and wasted nothing, to mold us for our calling.

- f. Solo Day: A planned day of solitude with God. A guided process will help you pull together all that you have learned to this point into a ministry action plan – your personal 210 MAP
- g. What is our hope for you through this process?
 - Personal transformation in your faith and worldview
 - That you would actively engage the world with the gifts, passion and calling you have been given.
 - That God would use you to glorify His Name and advance His Kingdom within your sphere of influence
- h. What is asked of you?
 - **Expectations** – Come to the group meeting prepared, having completed all homework assignments. Participate in the group discussion. The group needs to hear how God is speaking to you. Your contribution and insight may encourage others to share.
 - **Commitment Level** – The commitment level is high but the reward is *out of this world*. Pray about your commitment to this group and process. You will only benefit to the level of your heartfelt commitment and participation.

FACILITATOR NOTE: It can be challenging sometimes to help people see that this requires a serious commitment. We have found that if we are gentle, but firm, about the commitment up front, most will take ownership of the process and follow through.

4) Questions & Takeaways

- a. **Ask Participants** – What, if anything, struck a chord in your heart in the things we discussed? What excites you most about this process?
- b. **Crucial Takeaways**
 - Until we can answer the questions, “why are we here?” and “what does God really want me to do with my life?” we will have a sense of emptiness, a feeling that there has to be more to life than this.
 - God has uniquely created you for significance and purpose. This truth gives your life great meaning as you engage your world by fulfilling your calling.
 - Life gets exciting when you know daily that God has a place for you in *His Story!*

5) Closing

- a. Give homework assignments
 - Read the Foreword and Chapter 1 of the 210 Project book
- b. Weekly Prayer Focus
 - Ask God to reveal to you His heart for this generation and to set your heart in alignment with His. Ask Him to open your eyes to the needs around you and to see how He has prepared you to meet those needs through love and good works.
 - Meditate on Ephesians 2:10
- c. Encourage participants to contact you with any questions or comments and express your availability for them by providing your e-mail and phone number.
- d. Take Prayer Requests and Pray
 - Remind participants to pray for one another throughout the week
 - Encourage participants to reach out to one another throughout the week

Session 2



Facilitator Overview

CHAPTER 1 & UNPACKING EPHESIANS 2:10

Main Focus

Though we share a common human make-up and experiences in life, God has created you uniquely for special works, which you are called to do. The first steps of our journey together will be to see this truth in scripture, to believe and own this truth, to discover our unique calling and finally, to engage our culture by exercising our calling within the spheres of influence where God has placed us.

Primary Objectives for this Session

- 1) To take a deeper look at key words in Ephesians 2:10 in application to our life.
- 2) To define and understand the difference between calling and roles.
- 3) To learn how to recognize our calling and put it in context with our daily life

Session at a Glance

- Internalizing Ephesians 2:10 will amazingly transform how participants view God and others.
- God chose us, prepared us and called us. He desires for us to fulfill our calling, but the choice is ours to pursue.
- Calling and roles are often confused. It is imperative to know the difference if we want to fulfill our calling.
- Calling is intensely personal but best understood in the context of community.
- Looking back at our past gives us insight to where God may take us in the future.

Crucial Participant Takeaways

- Ephesians 2:10 reveals the uniqueness of your design and God's sovereignty over every experience of your life. He uses those experiences to prepare you for your purpose and calling.
- This is the place where your deep yearning to please God intersects with your deep need to live out your true identity. When this happens, your significance in Christ is realized.
- Knowing that God has a specific purpose and calling for you to fulfill leaves you with some culpability. Will you "walk" in those good works God has prepared? If not you, then who?

Session Summary – This session provides the foundation for personal transformation. When we are exposed to this wonderful message of truth about God's plan for His children, believe it, and own it for ourselves, the transformation is set into action. Hopefully, God will bless participants with an "aha" moment. As great as that moment might be, our greater hope for them is that it will bloom into a fiery passion by the end of the 210 Process!

FACILITATOR NOTE: We encourage you to allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in communicating to the group the awesome privilege and responsibility that comes with the application of Ephesians 2:10 in our lives.

Preparation for Class – Pray for each participant throughout the week, prior to this session. An encouraging e-mail and reminder about homework assignments is helpful.

- 1) Run copies of Outline Handout (**Appendix 2-A**) for each class participant
- 2) Let participants know to bring the following to future sessions
 - The 210 Project Book
 - Bible/pen/ paper (or mobile applications)
- 3) Have a sufficient number of books and codes for those who are purchasing books on site.
 - a. Determine method of payment if you or your church/group have purchased books in quantity and expect reimbursement from participants
- 4) Provide website info for those purchasing an online book
- 5) Spend sufficient time reviewing Facilitator Guide Overview, Outline, and the 210 Project book, through Chapter 1.
- 6) Set up for class:
 - b. Arrive at least 30 minutes to an hour ahead of start time
 - c. Arrange chairs and tables according to size of group, to encourage interaction
 - d. A white board or flip chart will be useful/ markers
 - e. A laptop that is internet ready and cued to “Salt and Light” video found at:
www.alliance-ministries.org/guidevideos
 - f. Access to a large screen TV or projector with HDMI cable.
 - g. Your Leader Guide, a Bible, pen and paper
 - h. A sign-in sheet to capture names, e-mail addresses and phone numbers for communication purposes throughout the week
 - i. Name badges and marker
- 7) Pray for each of your group members by name throughout this entire process

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Session 2



Facilitator Outline

CHAPTER 1 & UNPACKING EPHESIANS 2:10

1) Welcome and Brief Review of Previous Session

- a. As participants arrive ask about their week. Take a genuine interest in their lives
- b. Ask everyone to get settled and open the session in prayer
- c. Briefly review the “Crucial Participant Takeaways” for last session
- d. Ask if there are any questions or comments from session one.
- e. Read the following quotes, allowing time between, to ask participants what they think the quote means.
 - “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.” -Edmund Burke
 - “Some men die by shrapnel, some men die by flame, but most men die inch by inch playing at silly little games.” Thomas Abram
 - “Many people die with their music still in them.” Oliver Wendell Holmes

FACILITATOR NOTE: These quotes generate interesting discussion about what happens when we do nothing with our calling, when we waste our calling, and when we die with our calling unfulfilled. A great segue to the discussion of Ephesians 2:10

- f. Major theme for this session

- Ephesians 2:10 assures us that we are created for a purpose, and God calls each of us to fulfill that purpose for His glory.

2) Primary Objectives for this Session

- To take a deeper look at key words in Ephesians 2:10 in application to our life.
- To define and understand the difference between calling and roles.
- To learn how to recognize our calling and put it in context with our daily life

a. Unpacking Ephesians 2:10

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

- On white board, list key words with space between each word:
 - Workmanship

- Created
- In Christ Jesus
- Good works
- Prepared
- Beforehand
- Walk in them
- Have participants share what each key word means to them
- Have participants read Ephesians 2:10 from various translations. Note the different words, used for each key word, alongside that key word on the white board
- Ask participants to take a few minutes to “re-write” the verse, paraphrasing with words that best help them grasp its meaning.
- Ask those who would like to read their paraphrase to do so.

FACILITATOR NOTE: This is a suggested exercise only. See “APPENDIX 2” for an in-depth look at the key words from Ephesians 2:10. Allow the Holy Spirit to help you discern the best way of communicating these truths to your group.

b. Calling Defined

- On whiteboard/ flipchart, list familiar titles:
 - Company President
 - Postman
 - Child of God
 - Mentor
 - Office Manager
 - Organizer
 - Child Advocate
 - School Teacher
 - Mom
- Ask participants to discuss whether these are roles or calling, and how they think they are different.

FACILITATOR NOTE: This suggested exercise generates interesting discussion as some may argue, rightfully so, that some of these could be both a role and a calling, i.e., School Teacher. Also, our calling normally includes a lifelong series of assignments where we may wear the hats of various roles, while carrying out our calling. In addition, some assignments prepare us for our calling. Finally, take note of the entry ‘child of God’. This is every Christian’s initial calling by God.

- Briefly contrast difference in definitions of “role” and “calling”

- **Role** = obligation, and expected behavior patterns associated with a particular social title (i.e., parent, spouse, boss, student, etc.).
- **Calling** = a strong divine impulse toward a particular course of action after realizing God has made you for a specific purpose, and has uniquely equipped you to have eternal impact. Calling may or may not be fulfilled in your role.

c. A Closer Look at Calling

- Intensely Personal
 - The Holy Spirit invites us to discover our calling
 - Our calling aligns with our passion or burden to meet a need, or share our gifting and skill with others
- Publicly Shared
 - “The place God calls you is where your deep gladness and the world’s hunger meet.” – Frederick Buechner - Have participants share thoughts about this quote
 - Calling can never have context away from community – where we live, work, play, and worship
 - It is more clearly understood through the interaction and counsel of others.
- How will we recognize our calling?
 - Reviewing our past helps us connect the dots God’s calling
 - The assignments God has given us
 - The trials and failures we’ve experienced
 - The lessons and skills we have learned
 - The relationships we have built and connections we have made with people, organizations, ministries
 - The places He has sent us
 - The issues, needs, or areas of pain we’ve seen, that stir a fire in our heart to engage.

FACILITATOR NOTE: Ask participants to share if they have recognized a connection between past experiences and their assignment in the world today. Perhaps you have a story of your own to share.

- A real life story of living out your calling
 - SHOW “Salt and Light” WES LANE VIDEO

3) Questions & Takeaways

a. QUESTIONS

- *Having gone through the unpacking Ephesians 2:10 how has this marvelous truth opened your eyes?*
- *What is God telling you and asking of you in this verse?*
 - a. He has a place for you in His story
 - b. We have a choice whether or not we will pursue our calling, and do the good works to which we have been called.

- *How might these truths change your every day worldview and engagement with others?*
 - *Do you think there is any culpability or liability for you in not heeding this verse? Consider the parable of the talents – Matthew 25.*
 - *How has the Body of Christ, as a whole, responded to Ephesians 2:10?*
 - *What difference might we see in the world if we individually, and corporately, fulfilled our God-given calling?*
- b. TAKEAWAYS
- Ephesians 2:10 reveals the uniqueness of your design and God's sovereignty over every experience of your life. He uses those experiences to prepare you for your purpose and calling.
 - This is the place where your deep yearning to please God intersects with your deep need to live out your true identity. When this happens, your significance in Christ is realized.
 - Knowing that God has a specific purpose and calling for you to fulfill leaves you with some culpability. Will you "walk" in those good works God has prepared? If not you, then who?

4) Closing

- a. Give homework assignments
 - Read Chapter 2 of the 210 Project book
 - Complete "Foundation Questions" ONLINE
- b. Weekly prayer focus
 - Consider how God wastes nothing from your past, good or bad, to prepare you for the good works He has prepared for you. Thank God for His mercy and grace, and His sovereign Hand over all of life's circumstances
 - Meditate on Romans 8:28; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; 1 Corinthians 2:9
- c. Encourage participants to contact you with any questions or comments and express your availability for them, by providing your e-mail and phone number.
- d. Take prayer requests and pray
 - Remind participants to pray for one another throughout the week
 - Encourage participants to reach out to one another throughout the week



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Session 3



Facilitator Overview

CHAPTER 2 – STORY: CALLING INTERSECTS WITH COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

Main Focus

All of us have pasts that are varied by different life experiences – some good, some bad. These experiences make up our personal story. There is also the story of this generation - the age in which we live. Our personal story connects with the community story of this generation because we are all connected by formal and informal relationships. But our story also has a place in the larger transcendent story of God and His redemptive purpose for our lives. Better understanding your personal story enables you to intentionally engage your relationship with God and with others to discover your place in God's story.

Primary Objectives for this Session

- 1) To help participants understand the interpretation of their personal story.
- 2) Connect our personal stories to relationships in community, in this generation.
- 3) To see how God's transcendent story invites us to live for something bigger than ourselves, for such a time as this.

Session at a Glance

- Lorenzo's story provides opportunity for participants to consider how God truly works all things together for our good. (Romans 8:28)
- Learning to interpret the parables of our life through God's lens helps participants respond to trials and suffering with hope for God's bigger plan.
- Help participants grasp that this "generation" represents the age we live in and the spiritual condition of our world. God's calling on a person's life intersects our personal story with the deep needs found in community.
- We must understand the times in which we live. God expects us to serve and love others in this generation; with the same compassion He has shown us in our own areas of pain. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
- God's plan for redeeming mankind involves each of us, fulfilling our calling in this generation! Each participant's personal story is intricately woven with the story of this generation and with God's transcendent story!

Crucial Participant Takeaways

- Just like Lorenzo, until you view your past and present circumstances through God's eyes you will interpret them falsely, and miss out on the God-given opportunities He has planned for your good and for His purposes. Romans 8:28 is a promise you can count on!
- Your personal story will allow you to see and understand things in this generation that others cannot. You will see needs in the world from the angle of your own experiences. It is here where the Holy Spirit will show you the connection between your life's journey and your calling to serve and love others. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 reveals God's will in this area.

- Remember, God has a wonderful plan of redemption for this generation, and you are part of that plan. When your personal story finds expression in the story of our generation, the fulfillment of your calling becomes part of God's transcendent story!

Session Summary

Chapter 2 is ultimately about redemption and renewal. So many of us feel as if we have either failed God, or He has failed us. The interpretation of our lives often leaves us feeling as if we are no longer useful or qualified to serve God. Some of us have taken ourselves “out of the game.” However, our experiences, including our failures, may be the very ones God redeems to qualify us as instruments for His service to a dying world. The story of God’s mercy and grace in our life may be the message this generation needs to hear, to draw them to Christ – the ultimate fulfilling of God’s redemptive plan. Until our hearts grasp how our personal story, the story of our generation and the transcendent story of God are intertwined, we will miss out on the extraordinary things God has prepared for us to do for His glory.

FACILITATOR NOTE: *No doubt, there will be those in your group, maybe you included, who have a story of pain that has never been shared publicly. Create a safe haven for transparency by reminding the group of strict confidentiality regarding all that is shared within the classroom. Take time, if necessary, to pray for those who do share and assure them of God's redeeming love, healing and restoration. God still has a beautiful plan for their lives.*

Preparation for Class – Pray for each participant throughout the week, prior to this session. An encouraging e-mail and reminder about homework assignments is helpful.

- 1) Run copies of Outline Handout (**Appendix 3 -A**) for each class participant
- 2) Let participants know to bring the following to future sessions
 - a. The 210 Project Book
 - b. Bible/pen/ paper (or mobile applications)
- 3) Have a sufficient number of books and codes for those who are purchasing books on site.
 - a. Determine method of payment if you or your church/group have purchased books in quantity and expect reimbursement from participants.
- 4) Provide website info for those purchasing an online book.
- 5) Spend sufficient time reviewing Facilitator Overview, Outline, and Chapter 2 of the 210 Project book.
- 6) Set up for class:
 - a. Arrive 30 minutes to an hour ahead of start time.
 - b. Arrange chairs and tables according to size of group, to encourage interaction.
 - c. A white board or flip chart will be useful/ markers.
 - d. A laptop that is internet ready and cued to “**Love Lady**” video found at:
www.alliance-ministries.org/guidevideos
 - e. Access to a large screen TV or projector with HDMI cable.
 - f. Your Leader Guide, a Bible, pen and paper.

- g. A sign-in sheet to capture names, e-mail addresses and phone numbers for communication purposes throughout the week.
 - h. Name badges and marker.
- 7) Pray for each of your group members by name throughout this entire process.



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Session 3



Facilitator Outline

CHAPTER 2 - STORY: CALLING INTERSECTS WITH COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

1) Welcome and Brief Review of Previous Session

- As participants arrive ask about their week. Take a genuine interest in their lives.
- Ask everyone to get settled and open the Session in prayer.
- Briefly review the “Crucial Participant Takeaways” for last session.
- Ask if there are any questions or comments from Session Two.
- Major theme for this session:
 - The story of God’s mercy and grace in your life may be the message God intends this generation to hear to draw them to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ – the ultimate fulfilling of God’s redemptive plan.

2) Primary Objectives for This Session

- Interpretation of your *personal story*. – Consider Romans 8:28
- Connect your personal story to impacting relationships in *this generation*. – Consider 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
- See how *God’s transcendent story* invites you to live for something bigger than yourself, for such a time as this. – Consider 1 Corinthians 2:9

FACILITATOR NOTE: It is helpful, as a point of reference for the session, to list on a whiteboard: Personal Story, Romans 8:28; Generation Story, 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 and God’s Transcendent Story, 1 Corinthians 2:9.

Interpretation of your personal story

- Lorenzo’s Story
 - What about this story from The 210 Project, stirred your heart?
 - What questions, if any, did it raise (life, circumstances, God)?
- When our own Dreams are Shattered
 - You may recall from the video “Every Kid has a Dream”, that not everything in life turns out the way we hope or plan.
 - What lies do we believe when our dreams are shattered? (*Examples: God doesn’t love me, God is angry with me, God has given up on me, God can’t use me*)

- What emotions might we experience? (*anger, depression, etc.*)
- Ask if anyone can relate to believing the lies when their own dreams were shattered. Ask if they would like to share their story.
- The worst that can happen is that we give up on our dreams and choose to sit on the sidelines, disengaged from the world. When that happens, we miss out on our extraordinary God-calling.

FACILITATOR NOTE: Participants may not feel ready to share their personal stories quite yet. Be prepared to share your own experience or the experience of someone you know. Allow the Holy Spirit to prompt others to share when the time is right.

▪ How to Best Interpret the Stories of our Lives

- Write out Romans 8:28 on the whiteboard: “For we *know* that *all* things *work together for good* to those *who love God*, to those who are *the called* according to *His purpose*.”
- Open discussion around the key words in this verse:
 - **Know** – we can be certain.
 - **All** – not just the pleasant things – the good, the bad and ugly.
 - **Work together** - combined with other experiences.
 - **For Good** – in alignment with God’s perfect plan.
 - **To those who love God** - you and me!
 - **The called** – you and me!
 - **His purpose** – God wastes *NOTHING!*
- We are to be watchful and anticipate God providing opportunity for us to engage this generation with our personal story, for the glory of His transcendent story!

FACILITATOR NOTE: See **Appendix 3, “Two Questions we Ask of God,”** to go deeper on the topic of responding to shattered dreams.

This Generation

- The times we live in.
 - This speaks to the condition of our world; the age we live in; and all the people and issues of our modern times. We connect by relationships in community.
- The connection between our personal story and community of people around us
 - The lies of the enemy, worldly influences, and our own sinful flesh blind us to the needs of those around us.
 - How do you think our personal story affects the way we view this generation and the community around us?
 - If we grasp God’s bigger picture and see our personal story as preparation for our calling, to be used for His glory, how might we view this generation and community around us?
- Only by viewing our personal story through the lenses of God can we connect our story to the generation and community around us

- Consider 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, who “*comforts us in all our tribulations, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.*”
- What insight does this verse give us in regards to how our personal story might intersect with the needs of this generation?

God's Transcendent Story

- God works through history to rescue a people for Himself.
 - How does He use our story in His redemption plan for others?
- God blesses us by using all of the life experiences of our story to bind a passion and calling in our heart and mind, to reach this generation, within the community where we live, work and worship, in order to complete His-Story!
- Read 1 Corinthians 2:9 and ask what this verse means in light of our discussion.
 - “But it is written...”*Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.*”

WATCH VIDEO – “Love Lady Center” – This video reflects what it might look like if we follow God’s call in our personal story, to reach out to the community where we live, in order to fulfill God’s ultimate purpose in His transcendent story.

3) Questions & Takeaways

- **QUESTIONS**
 - How do you view your own personal story now as it relates to the plans God has for this generation and his transcendent story?
 - We often see the Body of Christ separating from the culture rather than engaging the culture. How might the truths you’ve learned, shared with others, begin to change that picture?
 - Why is it important to understand the times we live in before we engage the culture?
- **TAKEAWAYS**
 - Just like Lorenzo, until you view your past and present circumstances through God’s eyes you will interpret them falsely, and miss out on the God-given opportunities He has planned for your good and for His purposes. Romans 8:28 is a promise you can count on!
 - Your personal story will allow you to see and understand things in this generation that others cannot. You will see needs in the world from the angle of your own experiences. It is here where the Holy Spirit will show you the connection between your life’s journey and your calling to serve and love others. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 reveals God’s will in this area.
 - Remember, God has a wonderful plan of redemption for this generation, and you are part of that plan. When your personal story finds expression in the story of our generation, the fulfillment of your calling becomes part of God’s transcendent story!

4) Closing

- Give homework assignments:
 - Read Chapter 3 of The 210 Project book
 - Complete online: **Discovering your Natural God given Strengths** (Under Section 1 - Discovering your Unique Spiritual DNA).
- Weekly Prayer Focus:
 - In God we have everything we need to embrace His view of life and reality. Yet, there are many competing voices that distort the truth. Pray God will help you to listen to the voice of truth and to grasp your identity in Christ.
 - Meditate on Ephesians 1:4, 11, 13-14.
- Encourage participants to contact you with any questions or comments and express your availability for them by providing your e-mail and phone number.
- Take Prayer Requests and Pray:
 - Remind participants to pray for one another throughout the week.
 - Encourage participants to reach out to one another throughout the week.



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Session 4



Facilitator Overview

CHAPTER 3 – IDENTITY: WHO YOU ARE, NOT WHAT YOU DO

Main Focus

This transformational chapter is about discovering how the many different voices in your life have shaped your worldview of yourself, of others, and of God. It cuts to the heart of your role in the battle of worldviews and your daily choice to listen to the Voice of God, Who created you with significance and purpose, or to the voices of the enemy, bent on destroying you.

Primary Objectives for this Session

- 1) To recognize the competing voices in our life.
- 2) God's Truth about you.
- 3) The privileges that come with being God's workmanship.

Session at a Glance

- The source of the competing voices in our lives.
- Exposure of some of the lies we believe.
- The effect of listening to competing voices, rather than God's voice.
- The cosmic battle we are in, and the victory we have in Christ.
- The truth about our significance – God's workmanship.
- The privileges that come with being God's adopted child.
- The call to live out the bigger story.

Crucial Participant Takeaways

- The voice you listen to will shape what you believe is true and real and ultimately shapes who you are and who you will become.
- Without the firm foundation of your identity in Christ, you can't discover and live out your calling from God.

- Competing voices from without and from within bombard you daily with lies, worldly biases, agendas and expectations. You must learn how to distinguish God's voice and intentionally listen to Him.
- To understand that you are God's workmanship requires a close examination of what you believe about yourself and the world you live in. The most important question of all is, "who do you say that Christ is?"
- In Christ, you can have a new vision of the world, of others, and of yourself. You are God's workmanship – a dynamic, ongoing, and unfolding process of a masterpiece.
- You have been completely equipped and lack nothing. It is time to engage and live out your life calling!

Session Summary

Ultimately this chapter is about helping the participants to see that they are only who God says they are! The cosmic battle is over the hearts and minds of believers who are torn between the competing voices of the world and the still, small voice of God of whom and whose they are. Only when Christ followers learn to listen to God, internalize His love, and understand their completeness in Christ, will they be free to discover and live out their calling. Our goal is to see people move from isolation to engagement; from discouragement to joy; from the pain of their past to healing, restoration and hope for their future in Christ!

Remember, however, that competing voices have shaped the minds of many. Hearts have been wounded and pain attributed to God that never should have been. Pray that God's voice will be heard clearly through the Holy Spirit in them, and that His love will cast out the competing voices of their past and present.

FACILITATOR NOTE: Oswald Chambers said, “the author or speaker from whom you learn the most is not the one who teaches you something you didn’t know before, but the one who helps you take a truth with which you have quietly struggled, give it expression, and speak it clearly and boldly!” Our prayer is that God would use you to help your class internalize the truths expressed in this session.

Preparation for Class – Pray for each participant throughout the week, prior to this session. An encouraging e-mail and reminder about homework assignments is helpful.

- 1) Run copies of Outline Handout (**Appendix 4 -A**) for each class participant.
- 2) Let participants know to bring the following to future sessions:
 - a. The 210 Project Book.
 - b. Bible/pen/ paper (or mobile applications).
- 3) Spend sufficient time reviewing Facilitator Overview, Outline, and Chapter 3 of the 210 Project book.
- 4) Set up for class:
 - a. Arrive 30 minutes to an hour ahead of start time.
 - b. Arrange chairs and tables according to size of group, to encourage interaction.
 - c. A white board or flip chart with markers will be useful.
 - d. A laptop that is internet ready and cued to “**Cup, Sleeve, and Napkin**” video found at: www.alliance-ministries.org/guidevideos
 - e. Access to a large screen TV or projector with HDMI cable.
 - f. Your Facilitator Guide, a Bible, pen and paper.

- g. A sign-in sheet to capture names, e-mail addresses and phone numbers for communication purposes throughout the week.
 - h. Name badges and marker.
- 5) Pray for each of your group members by name throughout this entire process.



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Session 4



Facilitator Outline

CHAPTER 3 - YOUR IDENTITY: WHO YOU ARE, NOT WHAT YOU DO

1) Welcome and Brief Review of Previous Session

- As participants arrive, ask about their week. Take a genuine interest in their lives.
- Ask everyone to get settled and open the Session in prayer.
- Briefly review the “Crucial Participant Takeaways” for last session.
- Ask if there are any questions or comments from Session Three.
- Major theme for this session:
 - The battle of worldviews, competing for our hearts and minds, and the daily choice we have to listen to the voice of God, Who created us with significance and purpose, or to the voices of the enemy, bent on destroying us.

2) Primary Objectives for This Session

- To recognize the competing voices in our life.
 - God’s truth about you.
 - The privileges that come with being God’s workmanship.
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- **Recognize the voices in your life that are competing with God’s voice**
 - Source of competing voices:
 - *What and who are some the external competing voices in our lives?* (Marketing gimmicks; unhealthy relationships)
 - *What are some of the internal competing voices?* (Negative voices from our past; unmet needs; our own voice/flesh)
 - The ultimate source of these voices is our enemy: the world system, our flesh, and Satan
 - Exposure of some of the lies we believe:
 - *What would these voices have you believe about yourself?* (I need what they offer; I can’t be happy without money and stuff; I am worthless; I will never amount to anything)

FACILITATOR NOTE: On the white board, make 3 headings: External Voices – Internal Voices – God's Voice. As participants give examples of the lies they believe about themselves, list under the headings of External Voices and Internal Voices

- Robert McGee in his best selling book “Search for Significance” says the most common lies of the enemy that we regularly believe are:
 - “I must meet certain standards in order to feel good about myself.”
 - “I must have the approval of certain others in order to feel good about myself.”
 - “Those who fail are unworthy of love, and deserve to be punished.”
 - “I am what I am, I cannot change, I am hopeless.”
 - *Have you believed any of these lies in your past? What behaviors resulted from that belief? Do you think people are “sitting out of the game” because they don’t feel worthy or feel as though they have been disqualified?*
- The effect of listening to competing voices, rather than God’s voice:
 - The voices we listen to have shaped who we are, our view of the world, our view of others and of God!
 - What we believe about ourselves may or may not be truth; however, what we believe, does become the reality we live out in our daily lives.
 - Proverbs 23:7 says, “As a man thinks in his heart; so he is...”
 - Remember Del Tackett’s statement, “Do you really believe that what you believe is really real?”

FACILITATOR NOTE: For additional material to help you better understand the emotional and spiritual baggage some participants may carry regarding the competing voices, see **APPENDIX 4 – Effects of Competing Voices.** Be prepared to counsel or pray with participants one on one if requested.

- **God’s Truth About You**
 - Until we understand this cosmic battle for our hearts and mind, we will continue to listen to the competing voices and live in this pseudo “reality” indefinitely. (2 Corinthians 10:5)
 - In Christ, we have everything we need to embrace God’s view of life and His reality:
 - *What has Christ given us to know truth? (Bible, Holy Spirit)*
 - The good news of the Gospel - God hasn’t just forgiven us, and secured us for eternity, He has given us the Holy Spirit to reside in us, to teach us all truth, while continually transforming us into Christ’s image - using All things for His glory and for our good (Romans 8:28)
 - The truth is, as believers in Christ, we are unconditionally loved, totally accepted, and fully pleasing to Him. We are a new creation in Christ Jesus. (from “Search for Significance”)
 - We are His workmanship – His Masterpiece, Created in Christ Jesus for the good works, which He has prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
 - *How do these truths about our identity compare with the competing voices? Are these truths worthy of our full attention to the Voice of God?*

FACILITATOR NOTE: As you discuss what God says about us – write those truths on the whiteboard under “God’s Voice” - The participants should now see visibly, the vast difference in what the competing voices say in comparison to what God says.

- **Privileges that come with being God’s adopted child:**

- We hear His voice – “My sheep know my voice and they follow me” (John 10:27).
- We bear His image and are being transformed into His likeness (1 John 3:1-3).
- We have hope in a glorious inheritance (Ephesians 1:18).
- Christ has already defeated our enemy – the father of all lies, so we might rest in His victory (Romans 6:5-11).

- **The call to live out the bigger story:**

- Get in the Game – “Christianity is the story of how the rightful king has landed, you might say landed in disguise, and is calling us to take part in the great campaign of sabotage” C.S. Lewis

- *What does that quote mean to you?*
- *How do we “take part?”*

(Our part is to discover our unique gifts, passion, and calling in Christ, and engage our communities with love and service to help heal the brokenness, and draw others to Christ.)

- Reconcile every part of your life to this truth – “*You are God’s workmanship. It’s the foundation of your calling and life mission. Embrace it.*”

FACILITATOR NOTE: Play video, **“Cup, Sleeve, and Napkin”**, to show how every assignment from God, no matter how menial it might appear, has great significance in His plan to redeem the world.

3) Questions & Takeaways

- **QUESTIONS:**

1. How has this session impacted your worldview and identity?
2. If Christians were free from competing voices, how different might their love and service to God and others be?
3. Have you yet caught the vision of the heroic life God intends for you?
4. What is your biggest takeaway from this chapter?

- **TAKEAWAYS:**

- The voice you listen to will shape what you believe is true and real, and ultimately shapes who you are and who you will become.
- Without the firm foundation of your identity in Christ, you can’t discover and live out your calling from God.

- Competing voices from without and from within bombard you daily with lies, worldly biases, agendas, and expectations. You must learn how to distinguish God's voice and intentionally listen to Him.
- To understand that you are God's workmanship requires a close examination of what you believe about yourself and the world you live in. The most important question of all is, "who do you say that Christ is?"
- In Christ, you can have a new vision of the world, of others, and of yourself.
- You are God's workmanship – a dynamic, ongoing, and unfolding process of a masterpiece. You have been completely equipped and lack nothing. It is time to engage and live out your life calling.

4) Closing

- Give homework assignments:
 - Read chapter 4 in the book.
 - Complete online: **Discovering your Natural Gifts** – (Under Discovering your Unique Spiritual DNA).
- Weekly Prayer Focus:
 - There is only one you! God has uniquely designed you with a purpose to fulfill in your lifetime. Praise Him for His wondrous work in and through you.
 - Psalm 139: 1-6; 13-18.
- Encourage participants to contact you with any questions or comments and express your availability for them.
- Take prayer requests and pray.
 - Remind participants to pray for one another throughout the week.
 - Encourage participants to reach out to one another throughout the week

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Session 5



Facilitator Overview

CHAPTER 4 – INTERPRET YOUR LIFE

Main Focus

When you discover all that God has given you; the unique spiritual DNA of your personality, and spiritual gifts, along with your deep passions, and personal story, we begin to see God's calling for your life. God brings each of these four assets into one clear picture to show you how He, in all His grace, mercy, and wisdom, can transcribe your story into His. You suddenly awake to the great privilege and responsibility of your calling in Christ!

Primary Objectives for this Session

- 1) The four assets that make up our calling.
- 2) Understanding the process and connecting the dots.
- 3) Assets bring both opportunity and responsibility.

Session at a Glance

- Four assets we all possess – Personality – Spiritual Gifts – Passion – Story.
- Understand these assets and how they form our calling.
- Discovering our calling is a building block process.
- Continuing this transformation through the building of our timeline.
- We have both a calling and responsibility.

Crucial Participant Takeaways

- God has given you a pathway for discovering your calling in Him. You are not lacking the tools you need. They are in front of you to discover or disregard.
- All of us are equipped differently, and because of this we have a unique role to play in God's story. We are different parts of the same body, so our differences unite us in common purpose, and become our strengths when used as God designed.
- With great God-given assets comes great responsibility! You are a steward of these assets and will give an account to God for how you managed the opportunities to use them.

Session Summary

This chapter is a culmination of SECTION 1 of the book, which focused on our identity in Christ. Chapter four ties together the previous chapters on identity with our spiritual DNA assessment, completed online. This chapter explains how the online process helps to connect the dots, in regards to God's use of our assets to form our calling, and the process He has given us to look within those assets to discover our calling. Our hope is that each person will internalize the truths about their unique spiritual DNA, and be excited to actually see that God is using everything in their lives to prepare them

to fulfill their calling. This process is simply a structure or template, whereby, we invite the Holy Spirit to speak to our hearts to reveal our calling.

FACILITATOR NOTE: Having most likely been through the 210 processes yourself, it is easy with hindsight to see how everything fits together. We can't, and shouldn't, expect that our participants, at this point, have a complete and clear understanding of how each of these assets play a major role in their calling. It should be noted that being exposed to all of this information for the first time, could be a bit overwhelming. It is helpful to remind participants that the information they share is key to the transformation they will experience, as they learn more about themselves in each step of the process. Excitement will begin to generate as they start to see some of the pieces fitting together.

Preparation for Class

- 1) Run copies of Outline Handout (**APPENDIX 5**) for class participants.
- 2) Let participants know to bring the following to future sessions:
 - The 210 Project Book.
 - Bible/pen/paper (or mobile applications).
- 3) Spend sufficient time reviewing Facilitator Overview, Outline, and Chapter 4 of 210 Project book
- 4) Set up for class:
 - a. Arrange chairs and tables according to size of group, to encourage interaction
 - b. A white board or flip chart will be useful/ markers
 - c. Access to a large screen TV or projector with HDMI cable.
 - d. Your Facilitator Guide, a Bible, pen and paper
 - e. A sign-in sheet to capture names, e-mail addresses and phone numbers for communication purposes throughout the week
 - f. Name badges and marker
- 5) Pray for each of your group members by name throughout this process.

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Session 5



Facilitator Outline

CHAPTER 4 – INTERPRET YOUR LIFE

1) Welcome and Brief Review of Previous Session

- a. As participants arrive ask about their week. Take a genuine interest in their lives.
- b. Ask everyone to get settled and open the Session in prayer.
- c. Briefly review the “Crucial Participant Takeaways” for last session.
- d. Ask if there are any questions or comments from Session Four.
- e. Major theme for this session:
 - When we discover all that God has given us; the unique spiritual DNA of our personality, and spiritual gifts, along with our deep passions, and personal story, we begin to see God’s calling for our life.

2) Primary Objectives for This Session

- The four assets that make up our calling.
- Understanding the process and connecting the dots.
- Assets bring both opportunity and responsibility.

a. The four assets that make up our calling

- **Your Personality dictates how you will serve.**

(Online Personality Profile is found under Spiritual DNA)

- God has wired each of us uniquely. Though we share similar traits, our uniqueness leads us to respond differently to the exact situations, affecting what we accomplish.

FACILITATOR NOTE: You can have fun with your group if you use the following questioning as an exercise for participants to get to know one another’s bent. Have group divide into two groups based on how they answer the questions. With each set of questions, it will be enlightening to see how many move from one group to the other. (The likelihood is that they will settle with the same group). This exercise also provides opportunity to talk about how each group feels about those with differences, and to discuss appreciating our differences.

- How we solve problems and make decisions:

- Are you quick and decisive or
- Are you methodical and need more time?
- How we interact with people around us:
 - Are you trustful of people and the information they share with you, or
 - Are you more skeptical, needing to verify facts before you can trust?
- How we manage change in our lives:
 - Are you more comfortable with a steady and predictable pace without much change, or
 - Are you energized by a fast and unpredictable pace, thriving on change?
- How we face risk in our lives:
 - Are you more comfortable following safe, established procedures, or
 - Are you more apt to take chances, and plan your own, more adventurous strategy?
- Conclusion – God has wired us with differing personalities, which are our natural strengths. Those differences are **all** needed in the Kingdom of God to accomplish His purposes. Your natural strengths serve as a barometer for determining your calling, as they manifest themselves in activity.
- **Your SPIRITUAL GIFTS will help answer why you serve.**

(*Online – Discovering your Spiritual gifts assessment*)

FACILITATOR NOTE: Participants may find it helpful to open their 210 Project books to pages 72-73 for the chart outlining Spiritual Gifts.

- What are they?
 - Supernatural assets or traits God has given each believer, to carry out his or her assignments and calling. **1 Corinthians 12: 1, 4-7, 11**
 - We cannot know them completely and perfectly because we are finite, whereas God is infinite. But this we do know, all Christians possess particular gifts and, they play a crucial role in our calling.
- Understanding the general categories
 - Motivational Gifts – Almost a natural tendency or instinct that prompts you to respond quickly to a need or situations as you sense, internally, that you can help.

FACILITATOR NOTE: Pastor and author Charles Stanley shared the following story to demonstrate how motivational gifts play out. This provides a great visual and opportunity for discussion after reading.

“As a cake was being brought out for a birthday party, the person carrying the cake slipped and the cake fell on the floor. Here is how the scene unfolded:

The gift of leadership quickly instructed someone to get some rags and water to clean up the mess. The gift of helps, or administration, ran to get the items to clean up the mess, while the gift of mercy consoled the one who dropped the cake. Meanwhile, the gift of teaching gave instruction on how to clean up the mess so the carpet would not stain, while the gift of giving took off to the grocery store to get another cake. You could hear the gift of prophecy explaining that if the edges of the carpeting had been properly cared for, and were not frayed, this would never have happened. All the while, the gift

of exhortation explained that this could have happened to anyone and blamed the entire situation the carpet.”

- *Did you recognize yourself in that little story? Are you surprised to learn that your instinctive responses to situations are connected to a spiritual gift?*
- Situational Gifts – Supernatural gifts like healing, or working of miracles, expressed only when God determines they are needed to fulfill His purpose. Like other gifts, not everyone possesses these, and those who do, only when God empowers in a given situation where He can receive glory.
- Equipping Gifts – Gifts used to help believers grow to spiritual maturity, and to teach the body of Christ.
 - Inside a local church body
 - In Para-church organizations (ministries not directly linked to a local church or denomination, but committed to godly principles and to the equipping of the saints)
- **Your PASSIONS help determine where you will serve.**

(Online – Life Passion Exercise)

LEADER NOTE: Prior to class starting, write this “Riddle” on the whiteboard. Just before beginning this section of material, ask participants if they can guess the two (2) answers to this riddle: (Plutonium and Passion)

- What is it?
- It is powerful and concentrated.
- It doesn’t require great amounts to be effective.
- It can be used for good and for evil.
- It resides in the deepest part of the earth(our hearts).
- It is authentic.
- It takes wisdom and time to harness it properly.
- It can be manifested in a number of ways.
- It produces a tremendous amount of energy.

ASK:

- *What does passion do for your calling?* (Passion will ultimately give us motivation and stamina to accomplish great things).
- *Where do we get our passions?* (Certainly from God, but the enemy can distort our passions for his purpose to destroy).
- *How do you think you find your passion?* By asking yourself the right questions:
 - What makes me rejoice?
 - What makes me angry?
 - What hurts me and causes emotion within me?

- What makes my heart beat faster?
- What do I do with seemingly endless energy?
- What keeps me going even when I am exhausted?
- How does passion relate to my calling?
 - Our passion serves as the energy force that drives our abilities, talents, and skills to meet the opportunities that arise.
 - Ultimately, when we discover our calling, our passion energizes in a specific way consistent with who we are, and what we care about!
 - Lastly, as we grow and mature, and go through different seasons in life, our passions will change and grow with us. Our passions can be utilized for very spiritual things and for very practical things. All good, when aligned with God's calling in our life.

- **Your STORY – Who you are as your serve.**

(*Online – Your Personal, Vocational and Ministry Timeline*)

- Building a timeline of life events that have formed you is like having a window into your past. As your timeline builds you can begin to interpret how God has been forming your calling throughout your life story:
 - The milestones of your life – good and bad.
 - People who loved and hurt you, or whom you loved and hurt. Those who had great impact, again, good or bad.
 - Times of joy and sorrow.
 - Times God spoke into and acted in your life.
 - Events and circumstances that changed the direction of your life.
- Through this window to the past, God will begin to show you, not only His amazing grace and mercy, but how He has been forming your passion, and used your personality and spiritual gifts, to form a calling that only you can complete.

b. Understanding the process and connecting the dots.

- The Goal – Our hope is that you are beginning to see how these assets, and the process you are engaged in, truly have the potential to help you discover your calling. It is not about understanding everything intellectually. It is the process of discovery; God's never-ending interest in molding us into the vision and calling He has for each of us! *–Is there anything more exciting than that?*
- The next step – As you continue to go through this process, the final manifestation will be the engaging of your calling in the culture around you. This will be the place where your story finds the intersection of our generation's story and the story of God's redemption. The rest of the book will take us through this process, but ultimately, it will be your time alone with God, and the work of the Holy Spirit that will determine your course.

c. Assets bring both opportunity and responsibility.

Scripture is often descriptive and prescriptive in nature. Many of God's promises are conditional: His part is

dependent on our part. We have an:

- Opportunity – Finding your calling and life mission means opening yourself up to a greater reality - God's transcendent truth about who you are in Him and the purpose He has planned for you to fulfill on earth.
- Responsibility – The process requires the investment of your time to discover the assets God has given you; and then, to be a good steward of those assets knowing that you will be accountable to God for how you used His incredible gifts.
- 1 Corinthians 13: 1-3 In all things, God looks first at our heart.

3) Questions & Takeaways

▪ QUESTIONS

- Do you feel you have a better understanding of the process you have been through over the last 4-5 weeks? Are there any areas where you need more clarity?
- Have there been any surprises in your discovery process?
- What was your greatest takeaway from this session?

▪ TAKEAWAYS

- God has given you a pathway for discovering your calling in Him. You are not lacking the tools you need. They are in front of you to discover or disregard.
- All of us are equipped differently, and because of this we have a unique role to play in God's story. We are different parts of the same body, reliant upon one another.
- With great assets comes great responsibility! You are a steward of these assets and will give an account for them.

4) Closing

▪ Give homework assignments

- Read chapter 5 in The 210 Project book.
- Complete online: **Personal Time line**.

(Under "Documenting God's Path for Your Life")

▪ Weekly Prayer Focus

- When you value work as God designed, you create a platform for the good works that He calls you to walk in. Ask God to reveal to you the opportunities where He has placed you vocationally to use your God-given gifts, passion, and calling.

• **Colossians 3:17; Luke 16:10**

- Encourage participants to contact you with any questions or comments and express your availability for them.
- Take prayer requests and pray.
 - Remind participants to pray for one another throughout the week.
 - Encourage participants to reach out to one another throughout the week.

Session 6



Facilitator Overview

CHAPTER 5 - GOOD WORKS AND VOCATION

Main Focus

Vocation, or work, is not a curse resulting from the fall of Adam, as some believe. In fact, God modeled work in Creation, and delighted in it. God desired that Adam and Eve share in the delight of His good work and, before sin entered the world, He gave them a vocation in which they might flourish and be fruitful. Therefore, work has intrinsic value because it is part of God's design for your life as an act of worship to Him. Good works flow from your vocation when you work to glorify God.

Primary Objectives for this Session

- 1) Vocation is a call of God, not a curse.
- 2) Vocation provides a platform for us to display God's good works.
- 3) Our faith molds the way we work in our vocation.

Session at a Glance

- Vocation is valuable in God's eyes and has eternal purposes. (Genesis 2:15)
- God strategically places us in our work assignments.
- Because sin entered our world, God allowed "thorns and thistles" to enter our vocation. (Genesis 3:17-19)
- Vocation, when valued by us, becomes a platform for the good works we are called to do. (Colossians 3:17)
- Through our vocation, God will make us aware of the needs of others that He desires we meet through our acts of love, service, and support, reflecting Christ in all we do.
- Our faith is instrumental in whether or not we succeed, in God's eyes, in our vocation.

Crucial Participant Takeaways

- God has strategically placed you in your job assignment. You must strategically consider how God desires to use your gifts, passion, and calling in the workplace to do the good works He has prepared, that bring glory to His Name.
- When you see God's design for life expressed through the sphere of labor, you can begin to delight in the gift of work, and find His grace for the "thorns and thistles" that exist in this fallen world.
- All work has intrinsic value because it is part of God's design. Believing this truth helps you to resist comparing your assignment with those of others.
- When you perform your job responsibilities faithfully, gratefully, and joyfully, God blesses your "acts of worship" with more opportunities to fill the God-given passion and desires of your heart.

Session Summary

Chapter 5 helps us to realize the great value that God places on vocation. The word vocation itself means ‘call’ or to ‘hear the voice of God’. God uses our vocation, or job assignment, as a means to provide for our personal and family’s financial needs. Through our abundance we have opportunity to financially bless others. Our vocations provide the goods and services needed by those living in our community. Most importantly, however, our vocation gives us a platform to exercise our unique, God-given gifts, talents, and passion. In our work, we can express God’s attributes of beauty, order, service, ingenuity, creativity, etc.... By allowing God to work through us we bring order, peace, and provision to our domain. Instead of wrongly viewing work as a curse resulting from the fall of Adam, we are to view work as a beautiful opportunity to administer God’s grace, in all its forms, to those with whom we come in contact every day.

Preparation for Class – Pray for each participant throughout the week, prior to this session. An encouraging e-mail and reminder about homework assignments is helpful.

Also, during the week prior to this session, contact a couple of group members to see if they would be willing to share some of their assessment results in this week’s session. The bold statements which outline: General Characteristics - Unique Value - What Motivates them -Life Passion Statement, and Top 5 Spiritual Gift, are the areas they will cover. Explain that there will be opportunity at the end of the session for them to share their findings with the group.

- 1) Run copies of Outline Handout (**Appendix 6**) for each class participant.
- 2) Let participants know to bring the following to future sessions:
 - The 210 Project Book.
 - Bible/pen/ paper (or mobile applications).
- 3) Spend sufficient time reviewing Facilitator Overview, Outline, and Chapter 5 of the 210 Project book.
- 4) Set up for class:
 - a. Arrive at least 30 minutes to an hour ahead of start time
 - b. Arrange chairs and tables according to size of group, to encourage interaction
 - c. A white board or flip chart will be useful/ markers
 - d. Access to a large screen TV or projector with HDMI cable.
 - e. Your Facilitator Guide, a Bible, pen and paper
 - f. A sign-in sheet to capture names, e-mail addresses and phone numbers for communication purposes throughout the week
 - g. Name badges and marker
- 5) Have laptop queued to: “Work As Worship.” www.alliance-ministries.org/guidevideos
- 6) Pray for each of your group members by name throughout this entire process.



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Session 6



Facilitator Outline

CHAPTER 5 – GOOD WORKS AND VOCATION

- **Welcome and Brief Review of Previous Session**

- As participants arrive ask about their week. Take a genuine interest in their lives.
- Ask everyone to get settled and open the Session in prayer.
- Briefly review the “Crucial Participant Takeaways” for last session.
- Ask if there are any questions or comments from Session Five.
- Major theme for this session:
 - Work has intrinsic value because it is part of God’s design for our lives as an act of worship to Him. Good works flow from our vocation when we work to glorify God.

- **Primary Objectives for this Session**

- Vocation is a call of God, not a curse.
- Vocation provides a platform for us to display God’s good works.
- Our Faith molds the way we work in our vocation.

- a. **Vocation is a call of God, not a curse.**

- *How do you think most people view work?*
 - A 2013 Gallup Poll revealed that 70% of employees are not “engaged” at work.
 - Only 30% of American workers really love their jobs.
 - 18% actually hate their jobs.
 - *Do these poll results surprise you? Do you think the results would be different if polling only Christians?*

FACILITATOR NOTE: Play video: “Work as Worship”, then open discussion afterward.

- *What was your “takeaway” from the video?*
 - *If we viewed work as worship, how might that change our attitude in coming to work every day?*
 - *How much focus is given in the local church to help the body of believers live out their mission in the workplace? Would more be helpful?*

- Understanding God's view of work, and how He desires each of us to flourish there using our God-given gifts, strengths and passion, opens our eyes to see the opportunity we have to reveal His glory to our employers, co-workers, and constituents.

A Biblical View of Work

- *How does God model good works?* (They reveal His glory, just as we are to reveal His glory in our works) **Read Psalm 19:1-4.**
- Before sin entered the world, God assigned Adam a 'vocation'. Genesis 1:28; 2:15:
 - Just as God created and molded the earth, so Adam was to steward over creation by working and maintaining the garden.
 - *Have you considered your job performance a matter of stewardship? How might knowing this change your thinking about your work ethic?*
- Because of sin, "thistles and thorns" are a reality in the workplace.
 - Many view work as a curse that resulted from the Fall. The Greeks of the NT believed that work was a curse and despised physical labor.
 - **Read Genesis 3:17-19** - *What does this passage reveal where God's curse was placed?* (The ground was cursed, not work)
 - *What are some of the thorns and thistles in the workplace?*

FACILITATOR NOTE: Write participant responses on the whiteboard - The following may recap the answers given: Job description that does not utilize your strengths; Difficult co-workers or supervisors; Blocked goals and unmet expectations. As you discuss the next area, through points under "**b**", refer back to how one might practically address their "thorns and thistles" using the truths discussed.

- God has strategically placed you in and designed you for your workplace in order to display His glory through you, in spite of the "thorns and thistles."
 - **Read Jeremiah 29:7,11** The Israelites were in a difficult place. They lived in the midst of thorns and thistles.
 - *What was the Lord's command to them? (Vs.7) What was His promise to them? (Vs.11)*

b. Vocation provides a platform for us to display God's good works.

- God uses the frustrations of our work to help identify areas in need of change.
 - *How might God use you to bring about cultural change in your workplace in a way that causes your company and co-workers to flourish?*
 - By using your supernatural gifts, strengths, and passion to serve and love others where you work.
 - By faithfully modeling high standards and exemplary work ethic.
 - By allowing the Holy Spirit to work through you so that His fruit is evident (love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, self control, and patience).
 - *Have you known, or do you know workers who do these things? Did any of the examples given in Chapter 5 of the 210 Project, speak to you?*

c. Our faith molds the way we work in our vocation

Tim Keller in his book “Every Good Endeavor” argues that we have to view our work through the larger Biblical story of *Creation > Fall > Redemption > Restoration*. If God is the creator of all things, and if through Christ all things are made new, that process of restoration must include our work. Keller proceeds to offer five ways that the theology of the Bible shapes the way we work.

- **“Faith gives you an inner ballast without which work could destroy you.”** By this he means if our identity is in our work, rather than in Christ, success will go to our heads and we will tend to think we were primarily responsible for that success. In contrast, our failures will go to our hearts, which will lead to discouragement and frustration.
- **“Faith gives you a concept of the dignity and worth of all work, even simple work, without which work could bore you.”** Martin Luther wrote, “A dairy maid can milk cows to the glory of God.” The farmer who raises the cows, the truck driver who transports the milk to the city, and the grocer who stocks the shelf, are all instruments of God’s grace in providing for the needs of people. Our culture may put more value on certain vocations, but God does not.
- **“Faith gives you a moral compass without which work could corrupt you.”** Unless your work is grounded in, and guided by Biblical moral principles, you will tend to make selfish and shortsighted decisions. These actions will not bring glory to God and will eventually harm you in the long run, whether in customer/client relations, productivity, profitability, or otherwise.
- **“Faith gives you a world and life view that shapes the character of your work, without which work could master and use you.”** Here, Keller points to the difference between what we might call work with our hands and work with our head. Being a “Christian” pilot will most typically mean “land the plane,” while being a “Christian” elementary school teacher is reflected in what you think a human being could become and how you might help them to flourish.
- **“Faith gives you a hope in the frustration of work, without which work can harden you and maybe crush you and your spirit.”** There are frustrations and blocked goals in our work. A Biblical understanding of work helps us navigate difficult relationships, uncompleted dreams and blocked goals because we realize that this world is not all there is. What we begin on earth will be completed in God’s timing and will prepare us for even greater work in eternity.
- *Can you relate to any of these benefits of faith in the workplace? Did any of these stand out as most helpful to you in where you may be struggling today?*

Questions & Takeaways

- QUESTIONS
 - *What one or two truths impacted you most in this chapter?*
 - *How will knowing those truths change what you do tomorrow on the job?*
- TAKEAWAYS
 - God has strategically placed you in your job assignment. You must strategically consider how God desires to use your gifts, passion, and calling in the workplace to do the good works He has prepared, that bring glory to His Name.
 - When you see God’s design for life expressed through the sphere of labor, you can begin to delight in the gift of work, and find His grace for the “thorns and thistles” that exist in this fallen world.
 - All work has intrinsic value because it is part of God’s design. Believing this truth helps you to resist comparing your assignment with those of others.
 - When you perform your job responsibilities faithfully, gratefully, and joyfully, God blesses your “acts of worship” with more opportunities to fill the God-given passion and desires of your heart.

Closing

- Special time of Sharing
 - Have the two people who agreed to share this week, take turns reading their bold statements from each of the following sections:
 - Your General Characteristics.
 - Your Unique Vision.
 - What Motivates You?
 - Your Life Passion Statement.
 - Your Top 5 Spiritual Gifts.

FACILITATOR NOTE: As participants share, encourage them to feel free to clarify any statement along the way. Listen and affirm the uniqueness God has given each person in the room.

- Give homework assignments.
 - Read Chapter 6: Good Works in Your Ministry
 - ONLINE: Complete Part 2 of Life Timeline
- Weekly Prayer Focus.
 - God gives each of us a ministry; some thrive within the church and others outside the church. Pray where God would have you do ministry, realizing the purpose is always to edify, or to extend the Body of Christ.
 - Meditate on Luke 16:10; 2 Timothy 4:5; Philippians 4:3.
- Encourage participants to contact you with any questions or comments and express your availability for them, by providing your e-mail and phone number.
- Take prayer requests and pray.
 - Remind participants to pray for one another throughout the week.
 - Encourage participants to reach out to one another throughout the week.

Session 7



Facilitator Overview

CHAPTER 6 - GOOD WORKS IN MINISTRY

Main Focus

God has called all of His children to engage in His ministry of reconciliation to the world. Each believer is to live out this calling through the unique expressions that incorporate our abilities, experience, spiritual gifts, and passions. Your effectiveness in living out your calling grows as your character is transformed into the image of Christ.

Primary Objectives for This Session

- 1) To realize that all are called to ministry of reconciliation.
- 2) To understand the differences between *general* and *specific* calls.
- 3) To have a strategy for discerning our specific or unique call.

Session at a Glance

- Many Christ followers are not engaged in ministry to others because they believe they are not gifted, called, or they are discouraged because of past ministry failures.
- Scripture is clear that God has called all Christians to a two-fold ministry of edifying and extending the Body of Christ in each of our spheres of influence.
- Our ministry is to be expressed through the unique combination of our abilities, experiences, spiritual gifts, and passions.
- As God grows our character, so grows our effectiveness in living out our calling.
- There is a clear strategy for identifying one's unique calling.

Crucial Participant Takeaways

- Every Christian is called to both general and specific ministry.
- Whether or not you exhibit godly character as you exercise your calling determines the effectiveness of your ministry to others.
- As you are faithful in fulfilling small assignments, God will provide opportunity and clarity for future assignments.
- The people and needs you are most passionate about will lead you to understand God's unique work He has called you to do.

Session Summary

Many Christians are not actively ministering to others because of confusion about the definition of ministry, uncertainty about who is responsible to minister, and disappointment because they have “tried and failed” to minister in the past. But the reality is that God has called each of His children to His ministry of reconciliation. We fulfill this mission by edifying other believers and by extending the Body of Christ as people come to faith in Jesus. In order to accomplish His mission, God has uniquely equipped each believer, and has empowered us with the Holy Spirit to ensure our success as we yield to His guidance. God gives us inclinations of what those assignments might be, by burdening us for particular people groups, needs, or issues. As we follow our passion to make a difference, God gives us clarity through our experience and then confirms through His Word, through prayer, and through wise counsel.

Preparation for Class – Pray for each participant throughout the week, prior to this session. An encouraging e-mail and reminder about homework assignments is helpful.

Ask for volunteers to share some highlights from their assessment results in this group session.

- 1) Run copies of Outline Handout (**Appendix 7**) for each class participant.
- 2) Run copies of Passion Discussion Form (**Appendix 7-A**) for each participant.
- 3) Spend sufficient time reviewing Facilitator Overview, Outline, and Chapter 6 of the 210 Project book.
- 4) Set up for class:
 - a. Arrive 30 minutes to an hour ahead of start time.
 - b. Arrange chairs and tables according to size of group, to encourage interaction.
 - c. A white board or flip chart with markers will be useful.
 - d. A laptop that is internet ready and cued to “**King Family & Raleigh’s Place**” video found at: www.alliance-ministries.org/guidevideos
 - e. Access to a large screen TV or projector with HDMI cable.
 - f. Your Facilitator Guide, a Bible, pen and paper.
 - g. A sign-in sheet to capture names, e-mail addresses and phone numbers for communication purposes throughout the week.
 - h. Name badges and marker.
- 5) Pray for each of your group members by name throughout this entire process.

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Session 7



Facilitator Outline

CHAPTER 6 - GOOD WORKS IN MINISTRY

1) Welcome and Brief Review of Previous Session

- As participants arrive ask about their week. Take a genuine interest in their lives.
- Ask everyone to get settled and open the Session in prayer.
- Briefly review the “Crucial Participant Takeaways” for last session.
- Ask if there are any questions or comments from Session Six.
- Major theme for this session:
 - God has called all of His children to engage in His ministry of reconciliation to the world. Each believer is to live out this calling through the unique expressions that incorporate our abilities, experience, spiritual gifts, and passions.

2) Primary Objectives for This Session

- To realize that all are called to ministry of reconciliation.
- To understand the differences between *general* and *specific* calls.
- To realize that our character determines our effectiveness in ministry.
- To have a strategy for discerning our specific or unique call.

a. Introduction:

- **Watch:** “King Family and Raleigh’s Place” Video.
- **Ask:** *What qualified the King family for their ministry to children?*
- **Ask:** *What was their primary motivation for this ministry?*
- **Ask:** *What can you learn about personal ministry from their experience?*

b. All are called to a ministry of reconciliation:

- **Have a participant read 2 Corinthians 5:14-21.**
 - **Ask:** *According to this passage, what is the primary purpose of all ministries to others?* Reconciliation – bringing people back: to God, to others, or to yourself.
 - **Ask:** *What was Paul’s motivation for being involved in this ministry?*

When our motivation is derived from a heartfelt gratitude for what God has done for us, we can't help but offer that same hope to others.

- **Ask:** *Would anyone like to share your own story of reconciliation that has given you a passion to offer the same hope to others?*
- **Ask:** *How is that different from the motivation we sometimes feel?* Our acts of service are often motivated out of guilt or obligation.
- **Have another participant read Acts 8:1,4 and Ephesians 4:11-16.**

FACILITATOR NOTE: Many Christians believe that their primary responsibilities toward God are to faithfully support His church, through regular attendance and financial gifts. These two passages seem to indicate something entirely different. The questions below help participants to think through and clarify the role of a believer within the Body of Christ.

- **Ask:** *How did the gospel spread in the infancy of the New Testament Church?* (In the Acts passage, it was the church members not the apostles who spread the gospel throughout the region).
- **Ask:** *What is the differing responsibility of church leadership and of the believer, as described in these verses?*
 - The Ephesians passage indicates that it is the *church member* that is to do the work of ministry (service). It is the *church leadership* that is to equip them for those works.
- **Ask:** *Do you think in many churches today those roles have been reversed? How has that happened?* (Christians are not engaged).
- **Ask:** *Why are seemingly so few Christians engaged in effective ministry today?* (They don't feel qualified, believe past failures disqualify them, think that is the job of church staff, simply don't know their purpose and calling).

c. General Calling and Specific Calling

- **General Call:** God has called every Christian to participate in:
 - Ministry of reconciliation (as discussed).
 - The Greatest commandment *Read: Matthew 22:36-40.*
 - The Great Commission *Read Matthew 28:19-20.*
 - Edifying and extending the Body of Christ.
 - (*Allow participants to add to list*)
- **Ask:** *How would you describe the difference between a general calling in ministry and a specific calling?*
- **Specific Call:** Our opportunity to fulfill the *general calling* through the unique expression of our passions, abilities, spiritual gifts, and assignments that come from God.

FACILITATOR NOTE: Take time to ensure that participants grasp this concept. Ask for examples of fulfilling your specific call within our general call.

d. Character determines effectiveness

- “*God's ministry is displayed through us to the degree that His character is forged in us.*” (Page 105 in 210 Project).
- **Ask:** *What does this quote mean to you? How can we ensure our character is pleasing to the Lord?* (Grow

in our knowledge and love for the Lord by committing to time in His Word and in prayer so He might grow us).

- **Ask:** *How does Luke 16:10 apply to our character in carrying out ministry assignments?* Faithfulness is a character issue. If we prove faithful in small assignments, God will bless us in our next assignment.
- **Ask:** *How does the Parable of the Talents apply to our character in fulfilling our ministry? (Matthew 25:14-30)* God holds us accountable, to be good stewards of our time, talent, and treasure. To not be good stewards is, in effect, “stealing” from the Lord, because all belongs to Him and is to be used for His purpose and glory.
- Every assignment gives us opportunity to prepare for our next assignment. Lessons learned, obstacles overcome, and our perseverance through the end, all help to grow us in Christ.

e. Discerning our specific and unique calling

- **Optional Exercise: “Rich Uncle”:**
 - You have a rich uncle who has recently passed away. Unbeknownst to you, he included you in his will. He left you \$10,000,000. The following stipulations applied:
 - Your personal living expenses would always be met.
 - You must spend the \$10,000,000 on a need(s) or issue(s) of your choice.
 - You must personally play a role in that particular ministry or organization.
 - **Ask:** *What need or issue would you choose to receive your gift?*
 - **Ask:** *What role would you play personally in addressing the need or issue?*

FACILITATOR NOTE: You may want to give participants 2-3 minutes to think about their answers. This exercise can be very “eye opening” as it relates to determining one’s real passion, particularly when added to the results of the following exercise (Have participants take 5 minutes to complete their “Passion Discussion Form”):

- **Ask:** *Which need or people group did you select?*
- **Ask:** *Were there events in your life that led you to select those particular choices?*
- **Ask:** *Do you see similarities in how the Kings were led to begin Raleigh’s Place?*
- **Ask:** *What opportunities might there be in the church or community for you to feed your passion, as you minister to others?*
- **Ask:** *Have you known others who shared your passion and whose ministry reflected that passion?* (Probe participants to think about examples from history if not today).

FACILITATOR NOTE: Because of insights possibly gained in this exercise, encourage participants to revisit their online passion survey to make any changes in the areas of “Adjectives, Prioritization, Essay, and Writing of Passion Statement.”

3) Questions and Takeaways

- QUESTIONS:
 - *What was your greatest takeaway from this session?*

- TAKEAWAYS
 - Every Christian is called to both general and specific ministry.
 - Whether or not I exhibit godly character as I exercise my calling determines the effectiveness of my ministry to others.
 - As I am faithful in fulfilling small assignments God will provide opportunity and clarity for future assignments.
 - The people and needs I am most passionate about will lead me to understand God's unique work He has called me to do.

4) Closing

- Allow 1-2 members of your group to share from their assessments in their SOLO workbook:
 - Two or three highlights from *Your General Characteristics*.
 - Two or three highlights from *Your Unique Value*.
 - Two or three highlights from *What Motivates You?*
 - Your Top 5 Spiritual Gifts.
- Give homework assignments
 - Read Chapters 7-8.
 - Ask for 1-2 individuals to share assessments from their SOLO workbook next session.
- Weekly Prayer Focus
 - Pray that God would show you how good works to our family leads to good works to our neighbor. Ask God to reveal your heart as to how you relate to your family.
 - Matthew 5:14-16; Matthew 22:37-39.
- Encourage participants to contact you with any questions or comments and express your availability for them.
- Take prayer requests and pray
 - Remind participants to pray for one another throughout the week.
 - Encourage participants to reach out to one another throughout the week.



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Session 8



Facilitator Overview

CHAPTERS 7: GOOD WORKS TO OUR NEIGHBOR CHAPTER 8: GOOD WORKS TO OUR FAMILY

Main Focus

God's people are God's solution to meeting the needs of family and neighbors, with our gifts, strengths, and passion. When you exercise that responsibility and organize your life in order to accommodate those needs, you make the invisible God visible to those closest to you. And, you model to others the beauty of fulfilling your calling, and motivate them to find and fulfill theirs.

Primary Objectives for This Session:

- 1) To see that our first good works are to be towards those closest to us....our family and our neighbors.
- 2) To recognize that serving our family and neighbors requires intentionality and sacrificial involvement.
- 3) To discover that good works modeled to family, first, draws them into partnership with you for good works to your neighbors.

Session at a Glance:

- Good Works to Your Neighbor:
 - The call to be a good neighbor is part of the general calling for all Christians.
 - That call is outlined in the Great Commandment and illustrated in Jesus' parable about the Good Samaritan found in Luke 10:25-37.
 - The act of serving our neighbor requires intentionality and may cost time, money and emotional resources.
 - We must use wisdom and display humility as we learn to serve our neighbors effectively.
- Good Work to Your Family:
 - Families are hurting and are at the epicenter of the devastation we see in the culture.
 - In our generation Christians face two challenges in the area of family:
 - Becoming too much like the world that we are called to come out of.
 - Becoming so involved in ministry to others, that we miss the opportunity to minister to our own family.
 - The good work God calls us to do always starts with our family, and the foundation of whatever action we do is love, exhibited by laying down our lives.
 - Seek to identify the passions of our family members and join them in what brings them life.

Crucial Participant Takeaways

- 1) You can spend so much time trying to ‘make your mark’ on the world that you miss the greatest opportunity of all - ministry to your family, and to your neighbor.
- 2) God’s strategy for meeting the needs of others includes your good works of service and love to family, and to those near you.
- 3) The family is God’s crucible for developing character in your life and the life of your children, as you exhibit Christ-like character within the home, and then model that love and service to others outside the home.
- 4) Performing good works toward your neighbor and family requires intentional sacrifice.
- 5) When you passionately pursue God and His will, you become infectious to those around you – especially to your family.

Session Summary

The most difficult people whom God desires we reach out to with good works are often those individuals who are closest to us, by proximity and by relationship. They are the ones more likely to see our failures on a daily basis, and so our motives for loving and serving may be questioned. God desires for us to faithfully serve our family and neighbors, regardless of their response. Because, when we love and serve the most difficult, we are most like Christ. Loving and serving our family as God intends, also models how they might, in turn, love and serve their neighbor.

Preparation for Class – Pray for each participant throughout the week, prior to this session. An encouraging e-mail and reminder about homework assignments is helpful.

FACILITATOR NOTE: Ask for a volunteer to share some highlights from their assessment results.

- 1) Run copies of Outline Handout (**Appendix 8**) for each class participant.
- 2) Spend sufficient time reviewing Facilitator Overview, Outline, and Chapters 7-8 in the 210 Project book.
- 3) Set up for class:
 - a. Arrive 30 minutes to an hour ahead of start time.
 - b. Arrange chairs and tables according to size of group, to encourage interaction.
 - c. A white board or flip chart with markers will be useful.
 - d. A laptop that is internet ready and cued to “Duluth Art of Neighboring 2” at: www.alliance-ministries.org/guidevideos
 - e. Access to a large screen TV or projector with HDMI cable.
 - f. Your Facilitator Guide, a Bible, pen and paper.
 - g. A sign-in sheet to capture names, e-mail addresses and phone numbers for communication purposes throughout the week.
 - h. Name badges and marker.



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1) Welcome and Brief Review of Previous Session

- As participants arrive ask about their week. Take a genuine interest in their lives.
- Ask everyone to get settled and open the Session in prayer.
- Briefly review the “Crucial Participant Takeaways” for last session.
- Ask if there are any questions or comments from Session Seven.
- Major theme for this session:

God's people are God's solution to meeting the needs of family and neighbors, with our gifts, strengths, and passion. When we exercise that responsibility and organize our lives in order to accommodate those needs, we make the invisible God visible to those closest to us. And, we model to others the beauty of fulfilling our calling, and motivate them to find and fulfill theirs.

2) Primary Objectives for This Session

- To see that our first good works are to be towards those closest to us....our family and our neighbors.
- To recognize that serving our family and neighbors requires intentionality and sacrificial involvement.
- To discover that good works modeled to family, first, draws them into partnership with you for good works to your neighbors.

a. GOOD WORKS TO YOUR NEIGHBOR

- Show video: “Duluth Art of Neighboring 2.”
 - *Ask: What was your takeaway from this video clip?*
 - The call to be a good neighbor is part of our general calling from God.
 - *Ask: What are the excuses we make for not knowing and serving our neighbors?*
 - The call is outlined in the greatest commandment and illustrated in the Good Samaritan parable, read: Luke 10:25-37.
 - *Ask: What do you think was the young lawyer’s motivation behind his interaction with Jesus? (The lawyer wanted to justify himself and perform the letter of the law in order to appease God. He wanted to exclude his responsibility to serve others by thinking of some people as non-neighbors.)*

- **Ask:** How are we to define “our neighbor”? (The one who is near, and in need)
- **Ask:** Why do you think God ties loving Him and loving others as inseparable?
- The call requires intentionality and sacrifice.
 - **Ask:** In what ways did the Samaritan meet the needs of his neighbor? (Physically, materially, financially, emotionally)
- We are to serve our neighbor with wisdom and humility.
 - **Ask:** Why is the source of motivation so important in serving our neighbor?

b. GOOD WORKS TO OUR FAMILY

- Families are hurting and are at the epicenter of the devastation we see in the culture.
 - In our generation Christians face two challenges in the area of family:
 - Becoming too much like the world that we are called to come out of.
 - Becoming so involved in ministry to others, that we miss the opportunity to minister to our own family.
 - **Ask:** Do you agree with these assessments of the problems with our families?
 - **Ask:** What words of caution or solutions would you offer to a young couple with children?
- The good work God calls us to do always starts with our family, and the foundation of whatever action we do is love, exhibited by laying down our lives.
 - **Ask:** The author states that calling starts in our family. What do you think he means by that?
 - **Read:** John 15:12-13,16-17
 - **Ask:** What does it mean to lay down your life for your family or neighbors?

FACILITATOR NOTE: Encourage group members to think in practical ways regarding the previous questions. It could be as simple as showing interest in something a family member is interested in or choosing to be inconvenienced by a child wanting your time. It could also mean that you make hard decisions regarding what your family values, e.g., spending time and resources on a family holiday or choosing to invest those resources serving a family in need in your neighborhood.

- Seek to identify the passions of your family members and join them in what brings them life.
 - **Ask:** What are ways that you might include family members in meeting needs that you are burdened by? How might they benefit from the experience?
 - Read Proverbs 22:6
 - **Ask:** What does this proverb mean to you? What if you knew that it means to raise a child in the way he is bent, according to his God-given talents and passions?
 - **Ask:** What are practical ways you can “train a child in the way he is bent”?
 - **Ask:** There were several examples in this chapter of families engaging in God’s mission together. Which most intrigued you and why?

FACILITATOR NOTE: Possible Project: Challenge participants to think of a “neighbor” – someone near in need – and determine a “random act of kindness” that they might perform on that person’s behalf over the next week. If they accept the challenge, ask them to be prepared to share in next week’s session. This is a great first step in learning to love a neighbor.

3) Questions & Takeaways

- QUESTION
 - *What was your greatest takeaway from this session?*
- TAKEAWAYS
 - You can spend so much time trying to ‘make your mark’ on the world that you miss the greatest opportunity of all - ministry to your family, and to your neighbor.
 - God’s strategy for meeting the needs of others includes your good works of service and love to family, and to those near you.
 - The family is God’s crucible for developing character in your life and the life of your children, as you exhibit Christ-like character within the home, and then model that love and service to others outside the home.
 - Performing good works toward your neighbor and family requires intentional sacrifice.
 - When you passionately pursue God and His will, you become infectious to those around you – especially to your family.

4) Closing

- Allow 1-2 members of the group to share from their assessments in their SOLO workbook:
 - 2-3 highlights from *General Characteristics, Your Unique Value, What Motivates You, and Top 5 Spiritual Gifts*.
- Give homework assignments.
 - Read chapter 9 in the 210 Project Book.
 - Ask for 1-2 individuals to share assessments from their SOLO workbook next session.
- Weekly Prayer Focus
 - Pray that God would help you to be the type of friend to others that allows covenant relationships to develop so you might do ministry together.
 - Mark 3:35; Proverbs 27:10
- Encourage participants to contact you with any questions or comments and express your availability for them.
- Take prayer requests and pray
 - Remind participants to pray for one another throughout the week
 - Encourage participants to reach out to one another throughout the week

Session 9



Facilitator Overview

CHAPTER 9 - FRIENDSHIP: FIND THE PEOPLE WHO ARE LOOKING FOR YOU

Main Focus

God is relational by nature and has designed you to live in community with Him and with one another. It is through these covenant relationships, with all of the diversity of gifts, talents, and abilities that you discover and live out your unique calling for God's glory, for the good of others, and for your greatest joy.

Primary Objectives for This Session

- 1) Participants will better understand and appreciate Kingdom friendships as lived out in covenant relationship, reflective of God's design.
- 2) Participants will come away with a new paradigm of ministry - doing mission together, with covenant friends, each assigned a different role.
- 3) Participants will realize that Covenant friendships start with God's redemptive work in each of our lives, and continue as God transforms us into Christ's likeness.
- 4) Participants will come to value their own unique design and learn to value and appreciate the unique strengths, gifts and abilities of others in their covenant community.

Session at a Glance

- Though we are surrounded by acquaintances, friends and family, we often feel alone and isolated. God designed us for deep, intimate relationships.
- Kingdom friendships are founded on the common belief in God's authority over our lives, are marked by a meaningful mission, and are driven by a vision of covenant love.
- Because God is a covenant keeping God and provides all that He requires of us – our covenant relationship with Him was secured by Christ's sacrifice for us, and now His gift of the Holy Spirit empowers us live out our promises and vows before God and man.
- Mission speaks of purpose and specific assignments tied into a larger story – Our story tied into community reflects God's transcendent story.
- When we chose to live independently of one another because of pride or shame, we hinder what God desires to do through us and we rob ourselves of the richness of community.
- The diversity of strengths, gifts, and abilities that community provides is essential to each of us effectively living out our unique calling. It is only when we learn to value these differences as God's design will we experience the fullness of what He has intended for us.

Crucial Participant Takeaways

- God designed you for an intimate, covenant relationship with Him and with others on assignment with you.
- Christ's redemptive work in you prepares you and empowers you for Kingdom Friendships.
- God has wisely created us with differences. How you respond to those differences, between yourself and others, will either lead to isolation and ineffectiveness or, interdependence and effectiveness that exceeds what you could ever accomplish on your own.

Session Summary

God is relational by nature as demonstrated by the tri-unity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He created man to have an intimate relationship with Him and with others, in community. God desires for us to live interdependently with one another. Our effectiveness in living out our calling will be determined to great extent by how we value and appreciate the differences others bring to the table. This diverse community is essential to each individual for maximizing his or her strengths, gifts, and passion in accomplishing the good works that God has created them to do.

Preparation for Class Pray for each participant throughout the week, prior to this session. An encouraging e-mail and reminder about homework assignments is helpful.

Ask for a volunteer to share some highlights from their assessment results.

- 1) Run copies of Outline Handout (**Appendix 9**) for each class participant.
- 2) Spend sufficient time reviewing Facilitator Overview, Outline, and Chapter 9 of the 210 Project book
- 3) Set up for class:
 - a. Arrive 30 minutes to an hour ahead of start time.
 - b. Arrange chairs and tables according to size of group, to encourage interaction.
 - c. A white board or flip chart with markers will be useful.
 - d. Your Leader Guide, a Bible, pen and paper.
 - e. A sign-in sheet to capture names, e-mail addresses and phone numbers for communication purposes throughout the week.
 - f. Name badges and marker.
- 4) Pray for each of your group members by name throughout this entire process.

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1) Welcome and Brief Review of Previous Session

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- Ask everyone to get settled and open the Session in prayer.
- Briefly review the “Crucial Participant Takeaways” for last session.
- Ask if there are any questions or comments from Session Eight.
- Major theme for this session:
 - God did not design us to live out our calling in isolation. He created man in order to have relationship with Him and designed man to live in community and unity with each other.

2) Primary Objectives for This Session

- Participants will better understand and appreciate Kingdom friendships as lived out in covenant relationship, reflective of God’s design.
- Participants will come away with a new paradigm of ministry - doing mission together, with covenant friends, each assigned a different role.
- Participants will realize that Covenant friendships start with God’s redemptive work in each of our lives, and continue as God transforms us into Christ’s likeness.
- Participants will come to value their own unique design and learn to value and appreciate the unique strengths, gifts and abilities of others in their covenant community.

a. Intro

Never in history has a society been more connected: mobile phones, email, social media outlets, etc., yet we are more relationally isolated than ever. A study by sociologists from Duke University and the University of Arizona determined that between 1985 and 2004, the number of people saying, “There is no one with whom I can discuss important matters,” nearly tripled. One in four Americans says they have no confidants. More than half, 53.4%, do not have any confidants who are not family members.

The bottom line: “The number of people who have someone to talk to, about matters that are important to them, has declined dramatically... We have gone from a quarter of the American population being isolated (1985) ... to almost half of the populations falling into that category.”

b. Designed for Covenant Relationship

- **Ask:** *What do you think are some reasons that we have allowed virtual relationships to replace genuine relationships?* (people feel more control; appearances aren't important; too busy for real friendships; less time consuming; easier to avoid expressed needs from others).
- **Ask:** *What emotions did you experience as you read about the authors' Band of Brothers, and learned more about Kingdom friendships?* (Perhaps some felt envious, others longed for that experience, and still others were perhaps reminded of their own "band of brothers").

c. On Mission Together

- Kingdom friendships are founded on the common belief in God's authority over our lives, are marked by a meaningful mission, and are driven by a vision of covenant love.
- **Ask:** *What do you think about the idea of taking the friendships you have and transforming them around life mission and purpose? How different would that friendship look?*
- When we consider the covenant relationship we have with God, we recognize the faithfulness of His promises to us. His gift of the Holy Spirit, residing in us, gives us opportunity to live out our vows and promises before man.
- **Ask:** *How do we apply this truth in context of friendships where ministry is done together?* (We have the supernatural ability to form friendships for the purpose of doing mission together, fulfilling our assignments in unity, as we are empowered by God)

d. God's redemptive work

- Christ's redemptive work in us prepares us and empowers us for Kingdom Friendships. When we chose to live independently of one another because of pride or shame, we hinder what God desires to do through us and we rob ourselves of the richness of community.
- **Ask:** *How does pride and shame affect our behavior towards others?* (We isolate instead of joining in community or in mission with others) *How does Christ's redemptive work help us to overcome these obstacles?* (When we recognize we are forgiven and set free, and realize we are new creations in Christ Jesus – we are motivated to engage and to love others).

e. Learn to value differences

- The diversity of strengths, gifts, and abilities that community provides is essential to each of us effectively living out our unique calling. It is only when we learn to value these differences as God's design will we experience the fullness of what He has intended for us.
- Read and discuss 1 Corinthians 12:4-7; 15-26; Ephesians 4:1-6.
- The "Law of Differences" Read 1 Corinthians 12: 18 again. "Set the members" is a jeweler's term.
- **Ask:** *What goals did a jeweler have in mind when setting a stone in the crown or armor of royalty?*

FACILITATOR NOTE: Have participants write down 3 answers without sharing. Then as you write the answers, one at a time, on the whiteboard, ask how many had that answer. See if anyone gets all three. Very seldom does anyone get the 3rd answer!

The Jeweler has 3 goals in mind when refining the stone and determining placement:

- To secure the stone.
- To highlight the stone's beauty.

- To hide the stone's imperfections.
- God places you in the body to highlight your strengths and to hide your weaknesses. You are secure in His finished work and the whole of the finished product is a masterpiece.

FACILITATOR NOTE: On the whiteboard draw the diagram that is on page 152 of The 210 Project book to discuss our responses to differences.

- **Ask:** Are we more likely to embrace or resist people with differences?
- **Ask:** How might another person's differences compliment or enhance your effectiveness in ministry? At home? In the work place?

3) Questions and Takeaways

- **QUESTION**
 - What was your greatest takeaway from this session?
- **TAKEAWAYS**
 - God designed you for an intimate, covenant relationship with Him and with others on assignment with you.
 - Christ's redemptive work in you prepares you and empowers you for Kingdom Friendships.
 - God has wisely created us with differences. How you respond to those differences, between yourself and others, will either lead to isolation and ineffectiveness or, interdependence and effectiveness that exceeds what you could ever accomplish on your own.

4) Closing

- Allow 1-2 members of your group to share from their SOLO workbook:
 - Two or three highlights from *Your General Characteristics*.
 - Two or three highlights from *Your Unique Value*.
 - Two or three highlights from *What Motivates You?*
 - Your Top 5 Spiritual Gifts.
- Give homework assignments
 - Read Chapter 10 of 210 Project Book.
 - Assign two individuals to share assessment insights for next week.
- Weekly prayer focus
 - Pray God would help you to see His view of the pain, trial, and suffering in your life. Pray He will use your times of brokenness for His purpose and glory in another's life.
 - 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10.

- Encourage participants to contact you with any questions or comments and express your availability for them.
- Take prayer requests and pray.
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Facilitator Overview

CHAPTER 10 – OPPOSITION: WARFARE AND THE CHALLENGE OF WEAKNESS

Main Focus

Inevitably we all face trials of warfare and weakness. The outcome of these trials comes down to believing God's truth or the enemy's lies. Learning to understand and interpret trials, tribulations, weakness and failures within the context of God's truth and His character are paramount to finding your true identity, purpose and calling in Christ. Trials accomplish and complete within you, what nothing else can.

Primary Objectives for this Session

- 1) To better understand the strategy and tactics of spiritual warfare, and the reality of personal weakness and failure.
- 2) To learn how to properly interpret and frame the trials in their lives in the context of God's purpose and plan.
- 3) To grasp the opportunity for growth in authenticity, for a closer intimacy with God, and for the preparation for our calling, that comes with our trials.

Session at a Glance

- The strategy of the enemy through Satan, the world system, and through our own flesh.
- How to filter our trials through God's truth and character.
- Trials are inevitable, but have purpose and value for children of God.

Crucial Participant Takeaways

- All suffering, trials, and tribulations, come from sin's entry into God's creation; But God has, in His grace, mercy, and sovereignty, made a way for even these to be used for your good and for His purpose and glory.
- You must understand that the strategy of the enemy, whether it is through external attacks by the world system and Satan himself; or the internal struggle and weakness of your flesh, is spiritual warfare intended to destroy you.
- Your understanding of how to filter your trials through God's truth and character is vital if you are to survive and thrive as God's intended results are realized.
- The resulting benefits of enduring trials with a Biblical perspective include: growth in authenticity, a deeper intimacy with Christ, and preparedness for your calling.

Session Summary

Trials and tribulations, whether resulting from the ongoing attacks of the enemy or from the weakness of our flesh, have the power to devastate us, or to prepare us for our calling from God.

It is through the trials in life that we begin to ask the right questions from a place of humility. All trials and suffering are first filtered through the hand of our loving God, but His purpose is always to mold us into Christ's likeness, and to prepare us for His good purposes through our calling. Our desire is to see participants gain a truth perspective to recognize the purpose behind trials and failures in their lives. This knowledge will take each one closer to discovering their calling in Christ.

Preparation for Class

Pray for each participant throughout the week, prior to this session. An encouraging e-mail and reminder about home-work assignments is helpful. Ask for a volunteer to share some highlights from their assessment results

- 1) Run copies of Outline Handout (**Appendix 10**) for each class participant.
- 2) Spend sufficient time reviewing Facilitator Overview, Outline, and Chapter 10 of the 210 Project book.
- 3) Set up for class:
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- Ask everyone to get settled and open the Session in prayer.
- Briefly review the “Crucial Participant Takeaways” for last session.
- Ask if there are any questions or comments from Session Nine.
- Major theme for this session:
 - Learning to understand and interpret trials, tribulations, weakness and failures within the context of God’s truth and His character are paramount to finding our true identity, purpose and calling in Christ.

2) Primary Objectives for this Session

- To better understand the strategy and tactics of spiritual warfare, and the reality of personal weakness and failure.
- To learn how to properly interpret and frame the trials in their lives in the context of God’s purpose and plan.
- To grasp the opportunity for growth in authenticity, for a closer intimacy with God, and for the preparation for our calling, that comes with our trials.

a. The strategy of the enemy, and tactics of spiritual warfare

- Front line reality- As we passionately pursue God’s calling on our life, we draw the attention of our enemy – Satan, the world system, and our flesh. As we unknowingly move to the frontlines of this spiritual battle between darkness and light, we are pursued relentlessly with deception, and accusations, and obstacles every step of the way. Knowledge of the enemy’s plans are the first step in gaining victory in the battles, and knowledge of our already secured victory in Christ gives us confidence to step into the battlefield.
 - *Ask: Have you experienced the “attack of the enemy” when pursuing a more intimate fellowship with Christ? What was that like for you?*
 - Imagine how much more intense the pursuit of the enemy will be when he realizes you want fulfill the calling God has for your life! This is not meant to frighten you, but to prepare you for the battles ahead.

- Strategy is a plan of action designed to achieve a major or overall aim or victory.
 - **Ask:** What is the enemy's overall aim? (He desires to destroy us physically, emotionally; and to destroy our testimony – Remember, he desired that we be his, and because we now belong to Christ, the enemy cannot not have us, so he would rather we be destroyed than to live for Christ).
 - Satan's strategy has not changed from the garden with Adam and Eve; relying on man's lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life, Satan leads us to question the character of God and to doubt God's love for us and His goodness to us.

FACILITATOR NOTE: *Optional exercise - To help participants grasp this truth, write on the whiteboard: Lust of eyes – Lust of flesh – Pride of Life. Ask participants to identify how these played out in the Garden scenario with Eve: Eve took eye off abundant provision from God, and focused on God's prohibition (Lust of eyes – doubting God's goodness) Eve, believed the lie, "God knows that your eyes will be opened when you eat it. You will become just like God, knowing everything" (lust of the flesh -doubting God's character), and finally, Eve ate the forbidden fruit, and her husband with her, not believing that there were consequences to their sin, or that God had authority over their lives (pride of life – doubting God's love and desiring to be their own God). Now have participants come up with a modern day example.*

- Tactics with our flesh - Satan is not omniscient like God, and so his knowledge is limited by time and space. But he and his demons have been observing for decades what lies and schemes have worked best, not only with you, in your life, but also in your family, generations past. He will always use those tactics that worked, first.
- **Ask:** How might looking back at generational sin be helpful in preparing your heart and mind for the lies and schemes of the enemy? (Sins of divorce, addictions, anger, even laziness, can be traced back through generations. Seeing a pattern of sin can help you prepare specifically, and to avoid such temptations).
- **Ask:** How does understanding the enemy's strategy and tactics help you to prepare and respond to your own trials of warfare and weakness?
- "During our times of struggle, we might experience a kind of fog of the soul" (Page 154)
 - **Ask:** What do you think the author means by this? Have you ever experienced this "fog of the soul" when faced with a trial?
 - **Ask:** How might covenant relationships play a role in facing our trials, warfare and weaknesses?

b. How to filter our trials through God's Truth and Character

- Understanding the strategy and tactics of the enemy helps us to see our trials from a new and proper perspective; the perspective of truth. We know that God is truth and there is no deceit in Him. We know His Character to be perfect.
 - **Ask:** What are some character traits of God that we can count on in the midst of our trials? (Sovereign, eternal, never-changing, all-knowing, all-powerful, everywhere present, Holy and righteous, faithful and true, loving, gracious and merciful).

FACILITATOR NOTE: Write participant responses on whiteboard for a visual reminder throughout rest of session. The traits noted above can be added, if not mentioned in responses given.

- **Ask:** How might focusing on the truth of God's character in times of weakness and trials, help you to persevere through them? (God's truth helps us to frame and interpret trials, warfare, and weakness from God's perspective, giving us hope and strength to endure).

- Framing - Once a house is framed it becomes much easier to envision how the house will eventually look; along with the purpose and design behind it. Knowing and believing the truth of who God is, helps us frame our trials in the same way – allowing us to see the purpose and reason God has allowed our difficulties.

FACILITATOR NOTE: Ask if anyone has experienced framing a trial in their life – seeing it through the lens of God's truth and character. If so, ask if they would share their experience. Or, perhaps you have a personal experience to share with your group to help them grasp this teaching.

- “Trials have the power to either delay or authenticate our calling” (Page160).
 - **Ask:** How do trials delay or authenticate our calling? How does learning how to “frame” our trials affect our interpretation?
 - Interpreting – We are always interpreting experiences that come into our lives. How we frame those experiences will largely determine how we interpret them. Once we learn to frame our trials through the truth of God we will begin to interpret the questions that often accompany our trials in a healthy way, leading us through the authentication of our calling.
 - **Ask:** How might the following trials (job loss, news of terminal illness, marriage in jeopardy) be viewed differently in our mind and heart when:
 - framed and interpreted through the truth of God?
 - framed and interpreted through the lies of the enemy?

c. **Trials are inevitable, but have purpose and value for children of God.**

- Trials are allowed by God to mature us, and to authenticate our faith. The saying, “God is more interested in our character than our comfort,” reminds us of His “bigger purpose” in our trials. Nothing in life grows and matures us like trials and times of brokenness, if we surrender them to God and allow his purpose in them to be completed.
- **Ask:** Can you recall a time of brokenness in your life that has led you to a deeper faith in God, and an understanding of your dependence on Him? (Ask if anyone would like to share his or her experience, or share your own.)
- **Read:** James 1:2-8- God has a good and perfect plan for you through your trials. He is not trying to keep his purpose from you and in fact, tells you to ask for wisdom, and He will give it.
- As we have discovered in earlier sessions, God does not waste anything. The lessons learned through weakness, trials, and warfare will be useful in the future assignments He has prepared for you to fulfill your life calling. Look forward, with joyful expectation, to see How God truly does work all things together for good!

FACILITATOR NOTE: If time permits, play the You-Tube video/song, “Blessings”, with lyrics, by Laura Story

3) Questions & Takeaways

- QUESTIONS
 - What was your greatest take away from this session?

- How might you use what you've learned to help others?
- TAKEAWAYS
 - All suffering, trials, and tribulations, come from sin's entry into God's creation; But God has, in His grace, mercy, and sovereignty, made a way for even these to be used for your good and for His purpose and glory.
 - You must understand that the strategy of the enemy, whether it is through external attacks by the world system and Satan himself; or the internal struggle and weakness of your flesh, is spiritual warfare intended to destroy you.
 - Your understanding of how to filter your trials through God's truth and character is vital if you are to survive and thrive as God's intended results are realized.
 - The resulting benefits of enduring trials with a Biblical perspective include: growth in authenticity, a deeper intimacy with Christ, and preparedness for your calling.

4) Closing

- Give homework assignments
 - Read chapter 11 in the 210 Project Book.
 - Prepare for your day of solitude – schedule a time and place.
- Weekly Prayer Focus
 - Pray that God would give you guidance in preparing for your day of solitude. Ask Him to remove any obstacles that would hinder your time with Him. Pray God will call to your mind all that you have learned through the 210 process about your story, and how it intersects with the story of this generation, and ultimately, with His transcendent story.
 - John 17:3; John 10:10.
- Encourage participants to contact you with any questions or comments, and express your availability for them, by providing your e-mail and phone number.
- Take prayer requests and pray.
 - Remind participants to pray for one another throughout the week.
 - Encourage participants to reach out to one another throughout the week.

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Session 11



Facilitator Overview

CHAPTER 11 - SECRET OF DISCIPLINES: YOUR DAY OF SOLITUDE

Main Focus

We can't stress enough the importance of taking time to be alone with God, not just for one day, but regularly scheduled time away with Him alone. For the purpose of the 210 Project process, this intentionally scheduled day with God gives you opportunity to be still. Our hope is that God will bring clarity to all you have learned about yourself over the past several weeks, and that you might discern His calling on your life.

Primary Objectives for this Session

- 1) To understand the value of the discipline of solitude and prayer as it pertains to understanding God's next assignment for our life.
- 2) To see a clear plan for how to spend extended time alone with God.
- 3) To recognize how to overcome the challenges and obstacles that come with this discipline.
- 4) To give an overview of the 210 Project SOLO Workbook.

Session at a Glance

- God desires to speak to us and to reveal the good works He has for us.
- Often, the noise and busyness of our world hinder us from hearing His voice.
- A SOLO time of solitude can help us quiet our hearts and listen to His voice.
- The SOLO Workbook will guide us in how to use our time with God.
- The 210 MAP will give a framework for how to engage with God on our SOLO.

Crucial Participant Takeaways

- Though a time of solitude is depicted throughout Scripture few Christians today exercise this inspiring and strategic discipline of grace.
- Don's story exemplifies how prayer, meditation, and listening to God's voice not only benefits you personally but may also reveal how God desires to impact others He has placed in your life.
- Modern life presents unique challenges that hinder you from exercising the discipline of solitude and prayer but, when practiced, it can provide a path for you to deepen your relationship with God, to grow in wisdom and understanding, and to become more sensitive to God's desires for you.

Session Summary

The discipline of intentionally setting aside time to be alone with God the Father was a common practice in Jesus' life. He understood the value of separating Himself from the hustle-bustle of life to hear the only voice that mattered and so should we. We need to hear from the One who created us, gave us purpose, and who has a particular work for us to do in our lifetime. The benefits are innumerable, including a growing knowledge of, and intimacy with the Lover of our soul. The supernatural power that results in us, because we have been with Jesus, will be evident as we take His light back into this dark world.

Preparation for Class Pray for each participant throughout the week, prior to this session. An encouraging e-mail and reminder about homework assignments is helpful.

Ask for a volunteer to share some highlights from their assessment results. Ask each group member to bring his or her SOLO Workbook to the group meeting.

- 1) Run copies of Outline Handout (**Appendix 11**) for each class participant.
- 2) Spend sufficient time reviewing Facilitator Overview, Outline, and Chapter 11 of the 210 Project Book.
- 3) Read and become familiar with the 210 Project SOLO Workbook.
- 4) Set up for class:
 - a. Arrive 30 minutes to an hour ahead of start time.
 - b. Arrange chairs and tables according to size of group, to encourage interaction.
 - c. A white board or flip chart with markers will be useful.
 - d. Your Facilitator Guide, a Bible, pen and paper.
 - e. A sign-in sheet to capture names, e-mail addresses and phone numbers for communication purposes throughout the week.
 - f. Name badges and marker.
- 5) Pray for each of your group members by name throughout this entire process.



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Session 11



Facilitator Outline

CHAPTER 11 – SECRET OF DISCIPLINES: YOUR DAY OF SOLITUDE

1) Welcome and Brief Review of Previous Session

- As participants arrive ask about their week. Take a genuine interest in their lives.
- Ask everyone to get settled and open the Session in prayer.
- Briefly review the *Crucial Participant Takeaways* for last session.
- Ask if there are any questions or comments from session ten.
- Major theme for this session:
 - We can't stress enough the importance of taking time to be alone with God, not just for one day, but regularly scheduled time away with Him alone.

2) Primary Objectives of the Chapter

- To understand the value of the discipline of solitude and prayer as it pertains to understanding God's next assignment for our life.
- To see a clear plan for how to spend extended time alone with God.
- To recognize how to overcome the challenges and obstacles that come with this discipline.
- To give an overview of the 210 Project SOLO Workbook.

a. God desires to speak with you to reveal His good work for you

- The discipline of solitude and prayer.
 - **Ask:** *What comes to mind when you hear the word discipline?* (Rules and regulations, punishment)
Why is discipline so hard? (We make it a law instead of a grace practice).
 - **Ask:** *What do you think is a better definition of discipline in our context?*
(Practice of beneficial habits, intentional access to God's wisdom).
- **Read** the following quote from Ruth Haley Barton:
 - “*One of the most sobering truths about life in leadership is that I can be very busy and look very important, yet be out of touch with that place in the center of my being where I know who I am in God and what he has called me to do — that place where I am responsive to the voice of God above all others. When this happens, I am at the mercy of all manner of external and internal forces, tossed and turned*

by others' expectations and my inner compulsions. This inner emptiness then becomes the source of frenetic activity that is untethered from any kind of grounding in God. This is not a good situation for a leader to be in. Over the years, I have learned that my greatest need as a human being and as a spiritual leader is to experience God's unconditional love and presence beyond all that I do for him. I need to hear a voice that is not my own speaking those things that I most need to hear. In the regular practice of solitude, God's unconditional love and presence becomes the bedrock of my being, the unshakeable foundation of my true identity and calling. God's transforming presence experienced in solitude is deeply restorative, enlivening my leadership and enabling me to bring fresh energy and deeper wisdom to the responsibilities before me. There is rarely a good time for extended solitude in the life of a leader; there is only the right time."

- **Ask:** What are your thoughts about that quote? Can you relate?

b. Noise and busyness hinder us from hearing God's voice

- The author quoted Richard Foster as saying "Our fear of being alone drives us to noise and crowds."
 - **Ask:** Is that true in your life?
 - **Ask:** As you think about spending extended time alone with God, what concerns you?
- Often times our self-perceived identity is wrapped up in what we do, rather than who we are. Taking a day off to be with God confronts our need to get our self-worth in what we produce. Yet, God says we are His, and He desires we pull away to be with Him.
- **Matthew 11:28-30** "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me – watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." (*The Message*)
 - **Ask:** What contrary voices do you hear to Christ's call to come away with Him?
- Rich Hurst says of solitude, "It's taking the time to quiet all of the internal noises we listen to, and to separate ourselves from the people who cling to us and the routines to which we cling."
 - **Ask:** Does that sound appealing, but yet impossible to you?
- Solitude must be intentional – It is literally picking a day and putting a red X on it telling the world, "I'm out, not available, can't be disturbed." *Are you willing?*
- Refer to Don's first experience with a day of solitude (pages 171-174).
 - **Ask:** What did you learn from Don's experience? Does anyone have a similar story to share?
- **Read:** Mark 1:21-38.
 - **Ask:** Think about the activities and events of His day. Do you think Jesus faced some of the same challenges you and I experienced? Why do you think it was a priority for Him to set aside time to meet with God in prayer? What was the result?

FACILITATOR NOTE: From all appearances, Jesus was having a very successful ministry in Capernaum. Large crowds were following Him. His disciples urged Him to return to the crowds. Human wisdom would suggest staying put, but having spent time alone with the Father, Jesus decided to go to other villages instead. Jesus, through prayer, depended on His Father to guide His actions. Should we not do the same?

c. **Overview of the SOLO Workbook: Preparing for a time of solitude.**

- *The SOLO takes the theory of ‘unique calling’ and transforms it into practical application.*
 - Ask everyone to pull out his or her SOLO workbook.
 - Review the acrostic definitions of SOLO on page 2 of workbook.
 - Emphasize the recommendations on page 3.
- Follow each step of the process stated in the sections entitled ‘Documenting God’s Path for Your Life’ and ‘Life Mission’. Answer any questions.

3) Questions and Takeaways:

- QUESTIONS
 - What was your greatest takeaway from today’s session?
- TAKEAWAYS
 - Though a time of solitude is depicted throughout Scripture few Christians today exercise this inspiring and strategic discipline of grace.
 - Don’s story exemplifies how prayer, meditation, and listening to God’s voice not only benefits you personally but may also reveal how God desires to impact others He has placed in your life.
 - Modern life presents unique challenges that hinder you from exercising the discipline of solitude and prayer but, when practiced, it can provide a path for you to deepen your relationship with God—to grow in wisdom and understanding, and to become more sensitive to God’s desires for you.

4) Closing

- Have one participant share from their SOLO workbook:
 1. Two or three highlights from *Your General Characteristics*.
 2. Two or three highlights from *Your Unique Value*.
 3. Two or three highlights from *What Motivates You?*
 4. Your Top 5 Spiritual Gifts.
- Give homework assignments.
 1. Complete SOLO Workbook during time of solitude.
 2. Remind participants to come prepared to share what they learned during their SOLO experience.
 3. Read Chapter 12: Calling and Legacy.

- Weekly Prayer Focus

1. Ask God to meet you during your time of solitude, and to make clear to you the connection between all that you have learned, with His calling for your life. Pray God would guide you to the assignment He has chosen where you might engage and fulfill your calling.
 2. Isaiah 6:8; Colossians 1:15-16, 19.
- Encourage participants to contact you with any questions or comments, and express your availability for them, by providing your e-mail and phone number.
 - Take prayer requests and pray.



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Session 12



Facilitator Overview

CHAPTER 12 – CALLING AND LEGACY CONCLUSION

Main Focus

Our prayer is that you will reflect back on what you have learned and, as you step out into the next phase of your 210 journey, you will confirm and engage your unique calling from God, in this generation.

Primary Objectives for This Session

- To encourage participants with words from authors, and most importantly, from Scripture.
- To give participants an opportunity to share insight gained and their personal experience throughout the 210 Project process.
- To challenge participants to pursue their Ministry Action Plans.
- To offer ongoing prayer and support, as needed or requested, by participants.

Session at a Glance

- Encouragement from Scripture.
- Encouragement from authors.
- Participants share what God has done through the 210 Process.

Crucial Participant Takeaways

- God desires to have an ongoing intimate relationship with you.
- His plan is for you to fully engage those He has placed in your life with the ministry of reconciliation through your unique acts of service, love and words of truth.
- That plan involves a covenant community aimed at mutual encouragement and edification.

Session Summary

Together, we have been on an incredible journey over the past several weeks. Hopefully, in this last session you will be able to rejoice in what God has done through this process, in the lives of each participant. This concluding session is just the beginning of a glorious journey for each person as they surrender all that they are and all that they have to God. Rejoice together in what God has done, and what He will do through those surrendered fully to His plan.

Preparation for Class Pray for each participant throughout the week prior to this session. Send an encouraging e-mail and reminder to take their *Day of Solitude*.

- 1) Run copies of Outline Handout (**Appendix 12**) for each class participant.

- 2)** Spend sufficient time reviewing Facilitator Overview, Outline, and Chapter 12 of the 210 Project book.
- 3)** Set up for class:
 - a. Arrive 30 minutes to an hour ahead of start time.
 - b. Arrange chairs and tables according to size of group, to encourage interaction.
 - c. A white board or flip chart with markers will be useful.
 - d. Your Facilitator Guide, a Bible, pen and paper.
 - e. Because this is the last session, pray that the Lord would prompt ongoing communication with and among group members.



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Session 12



Facilitator Outline

CHAPTER 12- CALLING AND LEGACY

1) Welcome and Brief Review of Previous Session

- As participants arrive ask about their week. Take a genuine interest in their lives.
- Ask everyone to get settled and open the session in prayer.
- Briefly review the “Crucial Participant Takeaways” for last session.
- Ask if there are any questions or comments from session eleven.
- Major theme for this session:
 - Our prayer is that you will reflect back on what you have learned and, as you step out into the next phase of your 210 journey, you will confirm and engage your unique calling from God, in this generation.

2) Primary Objectives for This Session

- To encourage participants with words from authors, and most importantly, from Scripture.
- To give participants an opportunity to share insight gained and their personal experience throughout the 210 Project process.
- To challenge participants to pursue their Ministry Action Plans.
- To offer ongoing prayer and support, as needed or requested, by participants.

a. Encouragement from Scripture

- John 17:3; John 10:10; Colossians 1:15-16,19; Isaiah 6:8; Matthew 28:18.

FACILITATOR NOTE: Assign group members ahead of session to read the various scriptures (Sticky notes placed in the seat). As they read, ask the group for the life application in light of having just completed the 210 Project.

b. Encouragement from Authors

- “Jesus made a proclamation for action, not a statement of passivity. Being intentional is all about being purposeful – living day-to-day life with a focus to fulfill God’s great adventure that He has for you in serving and knowing Him.” – *Don Ankenbrandt*
- “My hope is that your day of solitude will become a habit that lasts a lifetime. Keep pushing forward to understand who God made you to be and to find the places where your passion intersects with practical action. Continue to seek out others who complement your mission.” – *Frank Johnson*
- “We make the invisible God visible through the day-in and day-out events of our lives. Our actions serve as

living pictures of the character and nature of our loving God. So, whether we do that in our vocation, our ministry, as a neighbor, or in our family, we try to live our lives so that those around us get to know God – Whom we love with our whole hearts, Who has loved us with His transforming, eternal love.” - *Marc Fey*

c. **Each group member will be allotted time to share (see Facilitator Note below):**

- Highlights from Day of Solitude experience.
- Insight God gave you regarding your Ministry Action Plan.
- Your *Life Passion Statement*.
- What your next step will be.
- How we might pray for you.

FACILITATOR NOTE: Write this list of information they are to share, on the whiteboard. Start the group off by sharing your own experience. Remember, you will set the tone, and model what you are asking them to do. Keep it heartfelt but brief. The amount of time allotted for each person to share will depend on number of people sharing, and how much of the session will be devoted to this exercise. Sharing is voluntary – if someone prefers not to share, respect his or her wishes. Remind each person to be sensitive to the time allotted so that all may have the same opportunity to share.

3) Crucial Participant Takeaways

- God desires to have an ongoing intimate relationship with you.
- His plan is for you to fully engage those He has placed in your life with the ministry of reconciliation through your unique acts of service, love and words of truth.
- That plan involves a covenant community aimed at mutual encouragement and edification.

4) Closing and Final Remarks

- Express your gratitude for their participation in the 210 Project.
- Encourage each member to continue to converse with their spouse, friends, or church leaders about the 210 Project and its application.
- Make group members aware of ministries available in your church or community that fit their passions or refer them to *Meet the Need* (*can be found at www.alliance-ministries.org*)
- Encourage group members to use their SOLO Workbook and MAP as a decision making grid through which they run their commitments and decisions into the future.
- Let the participants know that you will follow up with them either by phone or email to encourage them in the weeks to come. (Make a note on your calendar to do so!)
- Close in prayer by thanking God for the time together and for His leading in the days ahead until He returns! Pray that He would find each of us good and faithful servants!

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Appendix 1



Handout

PARTICIPANT OUTLINE – SESSION ONE

YOU WERE DESIGNED TO FILL A ROLE IN GOD'S PLAN FOR THIS GENERATION

Comments on video: “Every Kid has a Dream”

God unequivocally has a plan for this generation just as He does for all of time and we are part of that plan

- God is in control of the Universe, space and time (Revelation 1:8; Revelation 22:13; Isaiah 46:10; Colossians 1:16-17)
- God is in control of the nations (Isaiah 14:26-27; II Chronicles 20:6; Psalm 33:9-11)
- God is control of man and circumstances (Acts 17:26-27; Proverbs 16:33; Proverbs 16:9, 20:24)
- God has a plan for his people despite circumstances and failures (2 Timothy 1:8-9; Ephesians 3:14-21; Romans 8:28-31)
- God has a plan for YOU! (Ephesians 2:10)

Notes from Overview of the 210 Project process

What is asked of me?

- **Expectations** – Come to the group meeting prepared, having completed all homework assignments. Participate in the group discussion. The group needs to hear how God is speaking to you. Your contribution and insight may encourage others to share.
- **Commitment Level** – The commitment level is high, but the reward is *out of this world*. Pray about your commitment to this group and process. You will only benefit to the level of your heartfelt commitment and participation.

Session Takeaways

- Until we can answer the questions, “why are we here?” and “what does God really want me to do with my life?” we will have a sense of emptiness, a feeling that there has to be more to life than this.
- God has uniquely created you for significance and purpose. This truth gives your life great meaning as you engage your world by fulfilling your calling.
- Life gets exciting when you know daily that God has a place for you in *His Story!*

Homework assignments

- Read the Foreword and Chapter 1 of the 210 Project book

Weekly Prayer Focus

- Ask God to reveal to you His heart for this generation and to get your heart in alignment with His. Ask Him to open your eyes to the needs around you and to see how He has prepared you to meet those needs through love and good works.
- Meditate on Ephesians 2:10



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Appendix 2



Handout

EPHESIANS 2:10 KEY WORDS

For we are His Workmanship = **Poima** (our English word Poem) – This word speaks to what is made out of something already created or existing. When we make a basic cake, for example, we use existing ingredients, like flour and sugar. They are the foundation of any cake. When God says, we are His “workmanship,” God is saying He has already made something good, which is all of mankind – but He already sees what His basic ingredient (mankind) will become. We will each become a masterpiece.

Created in Christ Jesus - **Created** = *Kitizo* – means to bring something new into existence and is only associated with God doing it, (who but God could bring something into existence that hasn’t been before?) The word “created” gives us the idea that though we humans are made from similar ingredients (Like our word *workmanship*) we are each very uniquely designed. There is no one like us! It’s like adding fillings, and flavorings, and frosting to that basic cake, to make something brand new.

Conclusion - God’s “workmanship,” is you and me –ordinary human beings –being transformed by Christ in us, into a uniquely designed creature – a masterpiece, for God’s purposes and glory.

Good = *Agothos* – This word denotes pure, noble, virtuous, excellent, and distinguished

Works = **Eregon** – A display of activity reflecting the heart and mind of the one active. Christ did good works as directed by the Father, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, to bring honor and glory to the Father.

Conclusion – we are created for good, exceptional works that will reflect Christ in us as we serve and love others, and draw a watching world to a saving knowledge of Him.

Prepared Beforehand = *Proiectemazio* – subjected to a special process or treatment – used specifically, only of God. When breaking down this verb to its tense, voice and mood, it denotes God having done this in the past, and with authority. His plan for us was foreordained.

Appointed – to set a person in place on your behalf, and for your purposes. There is relationship involved. We can see this application when Jesus appointed the 12 apostles.

Conclusion – Only God could make us, prepare us specifically for a task, and then appoint us. He chose us to be a part of His good works! DO WE GRASP THE MAGNITUDE OF THAT AWESOME PRIVILEGE?

Walk in = *Peripateo* – This verse comes from God so, it is probable and intentional that we should walk in, or “do” the good works God has prepared for us. But, it is possible that the action spoken of (“that we should walk in good works), may not occur. We may choose not to discover the works God has prepared for us, or we may choose not to do the works once we’ve discovered them.

Conclusion – We are to discover the good works God has prepared for us and to do them. God is telling us He has prepared them for us, with the purpose of us doing them. No, He does not command us to do them, but why would we want to miss out on the incredible opportunity to get in on God’s good works? His plans will be accomplished with or without us, but by His grace, He allows us to have a part in His great story.



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Appendix 2-A



Handout

CHAPTER 1 & UNPACKING EPHESIANS 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

- Workmanship -
- Created -
- In Christ Jesus -
- Good works -
- Prepared -
- Beforehand -
- Walk in them -

My own paraphrase of Ephesians 2:10:

Difference between Role and Calling:

- **Role** = obligation, and expected behavior patterns associated with a particular social title (i.e., parent, spouse, boss, student, etc.).
- **Calling** = a strong divine impulse toward a particular course of action after realizing God has made you for a specific purpose, and has uniquely equipped you to have eternal impact. Calling may or may not be fulfilled in your role.

Notes on Calling:

Intensely Personal –

Publicly Shared –

How to Recognize Calling –

Session Takeaways:

- Ephesians 2:10 reveals the uniqueness of your design and God's sovereignty over every experience of your life. He uses those experiences to prepare you for your purpose and calling.
- This is the place where your deep yearning to please God intersects with your deep need to live out your true identity. When this happens, your significance in Christ is realized.
- Knowing that God has a specific purpose and calling for you to fulfill leaves you with some culpability. Will you "walk" in those good works God has prepared? If not you, then who?

Homework Assignments

- Read Chapter 2 of the 210 Project book
- Complete "Foundation Questions" ONLINE

Weekly Prayer Focus

- Consider how God wastes nothing from your past, good or bad, to prepare you for the good works He has prepared for you. Thank God for His mercy and grace, and His sovereign Hand over all of life's circumstances
- Meditate on Romans 8:28; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; 1 Corinthians 2:9



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Appendix 3



Handout

Two Questions We Ask of God When Our Dreams are Shattered:

1) Why Me?

Like Lorenzo's story, when difficult or tragic things happen we often ask God, "WHY ME?" Where is the focus of this question? The focus is on "me." The question often comes in the form of, "Why did you do this to me?" or "Why did you allow this to happen to me?"

Have you noticed that we normally don't ask these questions regarding the pleasant circumstances of our life when life is going according to our plans? Perhaps the real question behind the "why me?" is "why isn't life going the way I planned it- the way I dreamed it would be?"

Many Christians believe that things are always supposed to go well, that we deserve good things and shouldn't have to wait for them. We see God as the great provider of all our wants and desires, as the means to an end. We forget we live in His story; that He created us for His purpose and glory.

2) The Better Question...

Lorenzo came to the conclusion that if God is really Who He says He is then there had to be a bigger purpose for the injury and disability He had allowed Lorenzo to endure. Discovering God's perspective on his life story became more important than the self-focused questions Lorenzo had previously asked.

Sometimes, God uses circumstances to reveal Himself in a way we had not known before. He desires we know Him more intimately, and trust Him more completely with all that we are and all that we have. When we ask "why" through the lens of truth, recognizing the character of God, we understand *that it is through our life experiences that God is shaping us into the image of Jesus Christ*. This is the key to interpreting the parables of our lives and how they connect to the story of our generation and ultimately, to God's transcendent story of the redemption of man.

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Appendix 3-A



Handout

PARTICIPANT OUTLINE – SESSION THREE

Chapter 2 - Story: Calling Intersects with Community and Culture

Major Theme: Your experiences, including your failures, may be the very ones God redeems to qualify you as an instrument for His service to a dying world. The story of God's mercy and grace in your life may be the message God intends this generation to hear, to draw them to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ – the ultimate fulfilling of God's redemptive plan.

Interpretation of your *personal story*

Romans 8:28

Connect your personal story to impacting relationships in *this generation* –

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

God's transcendent story invites you to live for something bigger than yourself, for such a time as this

1 Corinthians 2:9

Crucial Takeaways

- Just like Lorenzo, until you view your past and present circumstances through God's eyes you will interpret them falsely, and miss out on the God-given opportunities He has planned for your good and for His purposes. Romans 8:28 is a promise you can count on!
- Your personal story will allow you to see and understand things in this generation that others cannot. You will see needs in the world from the angle of your own experiences. It is here where the Holy Spirit will show you the connection between your life's journey and your calling to serve and love others. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 reveals God's will in this area.
- Remember, God has a wonderful plan of redemption for this generation, and you are part of that plan. When your personal story finds expression in the story of our generation, the fulfillment of your calling becomes part of God's transcendent story!

Homework Assignments

- Read Chapter 3 of The 210 Project book.
- Complete online: **Discovering your Natural God given Strengths** (Under Section 1 - Discovering your Unique Spiritual DNA).

Weekly Prayer Focus:

- In God you have everything you need to embrace His view of life and reality. Yet, there are many competing voices that distort the truth. Pray God will help you to listen to the voice of truth and to grasp your identity in Christ.
- Meditate on Ephesians 1:4, 11, 13-14.



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EFFECTS OF COMPETING VOICES

- Nothing is more real to someone than the voices and messages that have made up their reality. For some people it is heart wrenching and even inescapable for them. They long to be free but feel as if no matter how hard they try they can't escape their perceived reality.
- For others it may be that their bad decisions or what they see as an "unforgivable" sin of the past has somehow disqualified them living out their calling.
- We can share the great news that God has used all things – good and bad - to mold our unique calling! The failures, sins, and pain we have suffered, are all turned for good, by God's great wisdom and power, to qualify us for unique service.
- God's way is unfathomable - God's riches, wisdom, and knowledge are so deep that it is impossible to explain his decisions or to understand his ways. (Romans 11:33 NOG)
 - Lemons to lemonade:
 - God in his mercy, grace, and wisdom is using the very struggles of our lives to prepare us for ministry.
 - Paraphrasing C.S Lewis, "God whispers in our pleasure but shouts at us in our pain."
 - It is in our pain where empathy is born.
 - Empathy has a way of opening our eyes to the needs of those around us.
 - Who better to understand someone's pain than those who have been down the same road?
- Decision to make - We need to make a conscious choice of whose voice we listen to. Our destiny depends on it!
 - When we choose to believe God's voice about who we are in Him, it sets us free from the voices of the past. (This is not an overnight process for most). This decision to believe God's truth over all others heads us in the right direction; we are then free to see the road signs that God intends for us to see; leading us to the people, places, and things we are to accomplish for His Glory
- It is such an encouragement when we can share the commonality of real life struggles amongst us. This is where God can do some of His greatest work and we can be encouraged that we are not alone.
- *It is so imperative to portray a safe and nurturing environment in which wounded souls may share. Remember, that until they grasp God's truth, they believe the competing lies about their identity, and their value in this world. The truth you share can literally be life transforming!*



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CHAPTER 3: IDENTITY – WHO YOU ARE, NOT WHAT YOU DO

Major Theme: The battle of worldviews, competing for our hearts and minds, and the daily choice we have to listen to the voice of God, Who created us with significance and purpose, or to the voices of the enemy, bent on destroying us.

Recognize the voices in your life that are competing with God's voice:

- Source of competing voices
- Exposure of some of the lies we believe
- The effect of listening to competing voices, rather than God's voice

God's Truth About You:

Privileges that come with being God's Adopted Child:

Called to Live Out the Bigger Story:

Session Takeaways:

- The voice you listen to will shape what you believe is true and real, and ultimately shapes who you are and who you will become.
- Without the firm foundation of your identity in Christ, you can't discover and live out your calling from God.
- Competing voices from without and from within bombard you daily with lies, worldly biases, agendas, and expectations. You must learn how to distinguish God's voice and intentionally listen to Him.
- To understand that you are God's workmanship requires a close examination of what you believe about yourself and the world you live in. The most important question of all is, "who do you say that Christ is?"
- In Christ, you can have a new vision of the world, of others, and of yourself. You are God's workmanship – a dynamic, ongoing, and unfolding process of a masterpiece. You have been completely equipped and lack nothing. It is time to engage in your life calling!

Homework Assignments

- Read chapter 4 in the book.
- Complete online: **Discovering your Natural Gifts** – (*Under Discovering your Unique Spiritual DNA*).

Weekly Prayer Focus

- There is only one you! God has uniquely designed you with a purpose to fulfill in your lifetime. Praise Him for his wondrous work in and through you.
- Psalm 139: 1-6; 13-18.

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PARTICIPANT OUTLINE – SESSION FIVE

Chapter 4: Interpret Your Life

- 1) **Theme:** When we discover all that God has given us; the unique spiritual DNA of our personality, and spiritual gifts, along with our deep passions, and personal story, we begin to see God's calling for our life. God brings each of these four assets into one clear picture to show us how He, in all His grace, mercy, and wisdom, can transcribe our story into His. We suddenly awake to the great privilege and responsibility of our calling in Christ!

The Four Assets that Make Up Your Calling:

Your Personality/Strengths

Your Spiritual Gifts

Your Passion

Your Story

Understanding the Process and Connecting the Dots

Assets bring both Opportunity and Responsibility

Crucial Takeaways

- God has given you a pathway for discovering your calling in Him. You are not lacking the tools you need. They are in front of you to discover or disregard.
- All of us are equipped differently, and because of this we have a unique role to play in God's story. We are different parts of the same body, reliant upon one another.
- With great assets comes great responsibility! You are a steward of these assets and will give an account for them.

Homework assignments

- Read chapter 5 in The 210 Project book.
- Complete online: **Personal Time line.**

(Under "Documenting God's Path for Your Life")

Weekly Prayer Focus

- When you value work as God designed, you create a platform for the good works that He calls you to walk in. Ask God to reveal to you the opportunities where He has placed you vocationally to use your God-given gifts, passion, and calling.
- Colossians 3:17; Luke 16:10.



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PARTICIPANT OUTLINE – SESSION 6

Chapter 5: Good Works in Your Vocation

- **Theme:** Vocation, or work, is not a curse resulting from the fall of Adam, as some believe. In fact, God modeled work in Creation, and delighted in it. God desired that Adam and Eve share in the delight of His good work and, before sin entered the world, He gave them a vocation in which they might flourish and be fruitful. Therefore, work has intrinsic value because it is part of God's design for our lives as an act of worship to Him. Good works flow from our vocation when we work to glorify God.

- **Vocation is a call of God, not a curse.**

- **How people view work:**

- **Work as Worship:**

- **Biblical view of work:**

- **Thorns and Thistles:**

- **Vocation provides a platform for us to display God's good works.**
 - **How we might change our work culture:**
- **Our faith molds the way we work in our vocation:**
 - **"Faith gives you an inner ballast without which work could destroy you."**
 - **"Faith gives you a concept of the dignity and worth of all work, even simple work, without which work could bore you."**
 - **"Faith gives you a moral compass without which work could corrupt you."**
 - **"Faith gives you a world and life view that shapes the character of your work, without which work could master and use you."**
 - **"Faith gives you a hope in the frustration of work, without which work can harden you and maybe crush you and your spirit."**

Crucial Takeaways

- God has strategically placed you in your job assignment. You must strategically consider how God desires to use your gifts, passion, and calling in the workplace to do the good works He has prepared, that bring glory to His Name.
- When you see God's design for life expressed through the sphere of labor, you can begin to delight in the gift of work, and find His grace for the "thorns and thistles" that exist in this fallen world.
- All work has intrinsic value because it is part of God's design. Believing this truth helps you to resist comparing your assignment with those of others.
- When you perform your job responsibilities faithfully, gratefully, and joyfully, God blesses your "acts of worship" with more opportunities to fill the God-given passion and desires of your heart.

Homework Assignments:

- Read Chapter 6: Good Works in Your Ministry.
- ONLINE: Complete Part 2 of Life Timeline.

Weekly Prayer Focus:

- God gives each of us a ministry; some thrive within the church and others outside the church. Pray where God would have you do ministry, realizing the purpose is always to edify, or to extend the Body of Christ.
- Meditate on Luke 16:10; 2 Timothy 4:5; Philippians 4:3.

Resources:

- 1) “Work: What is it Good For?” <http://www.faithandwork.org/work-what-is-it-good-for/> Interview with Tim Keller and Katherine Alsdorf discussing the biblical value of vocation.
- 2) *Kingdom Calling: Vocation Stewardship for the Common Good* by Amy Sherman
- 3) *Every Good Endeavor: Connecting Your Work to God’s Work* by Timothy Keller and Katherine Alsdorf
- 4) Gospel at Work: <http://www.thegospelatwork.com/> This is a great resource created to help men and women best steward the opportunities God has given them in the workplace.
- 5) Institute for Faith, Work, and Economics <http://tifwe.org> a resource dedicated to educating and inspiring Christians to a biblical worldview of faith, work, and economics

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PARTICIPANT OUTLINE – SESSION 7

Chapter 6: Good Works in Ministry

- God has called all of His children to engage in His ministry of reconciliation to the world. Each believer is to live out this calling through the unique expressions that incorporate our abilities, experience, spiritual gifts, and passions. Our effectiveness in living out our calling grows as our character is transformed into the image of Christ.

All are called to a Ministry of Reconciliation:

General Calling and Specific Calling:

Character Determines Effectiveness:

Discerning Our Specific and Unique Calling:

Crucial Takeaways

- Every Christian is called to both general and specific ministry.
- Whether or not I exhibit godly character as I exercise my calling determines the effectiveness of my ministry to others.
- As I am faithful in fulfilling small assignments God will provide opportunity and clarity for future assignments.
- The people and needs I am most passionate about will lead me to understand God's unique work He has called me to do.

Homework Assignments

- Read Chapters 7-8.

Weekly Prayer Focus

- Pray that God would show you how good works to our family leads to good works to our neighbor. Ask God to reveal your heart as to how you relate to your family.
- Matthew 5:14-16; Matthew 22:37-39.



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PASSION DISCUSSION

This exercise will help you identify your passions in life and may show where God is leading you to use your gifts.

Please answer the following questions:

1. I enjoy working with:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> People | <input type="checkbox"/> Information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Things | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

2. Areas of ministry in which I have a very strong interest:

- | | | | |
|---|--|----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Infants | <input type="checkbox"/> Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Single Parents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College Students | <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed | <input type="checkbox"/> Singles | <input type="checkbox"/> Career Women |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Marrieds | <input type="checkbox"/> Stay-at-home Moms | | <input type="checkbox"/> Parents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Empty Nesters | <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> Others _____ | | |

3. Areas to which you are strongly personally attracted or for which you have a strong concern:

- | | | | |
|--|--|--|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Teen Moms | <input type="checkbox"/> Homosexuality | <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty | <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled | <input type="checkbox"/> Prisoners | <input type="checkbox"/> AIDS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Politics | <input type="checkbox"/> Abortion | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed | <input type="checkbox"/> Literacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Injustice | <input type="checkbox"/> Racism | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Action | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addictions | <input type="checkbox"/> International | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitalized/Shut Ins | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reaching the lost | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology | <input type="checkbox"/> Others: _____ | |

4. What do you think is the greatest need you could address:

5. If money, education or time were not an issue, I would do the following:

6. If I could make a difference in this life, it would be in the following area:

7. After answering the previous questions, my passion(s) seem to be:

1. _____
2. _____



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PARTICIPANT OUTLINE – SESSION 8

Chapter 7: Good Works to Our Neighbor/ Chapter 8: Good Works to Our Family

- God's people are God's solution to meeting the needs of family and neighbors, with our gifts, strengths, and passion. When we exercise that responsibility and organize our lives in order to accommodate those needs, we make the invisible God visible to those closest to us. And, we model to others the beauty of fulfilling our calling, and motivate them to find and fulfill theirs.

Good Works to Your Neighbor:

- The call to be a good neighbor is part of the general calling for all Christians.
- That call is outlined in the Great Commandment and illustrated in Jesus' parable about the Good Samaritan found in Luke 10:25-37.
- The act of serving our neighbor requires intentionality and may cost time, money and emotional resources.
- We must use wisdom and display humility as we learn to serve our neighbors effectively.

Good Work to Your Family:

- Families are hurting and are at the epicenter of the devastation we see in the culture.
- The good work God calls us to do always starts with our family, and the foundation of whatever action we do is love, exhibited by laying down our lives.
- Seek to identify the passions of our family members and join them in what brings them life.

Crucial Takeaways

- 1)** You can spend so much time trying to ‘make your mark’ on the world that you miss the greatest opportunity of all - ministry to your family, and to your neighbor.
- 2)** God’s strategy for meeting the needs of others includes your good works of service and love to family, and to those near you.
- 3)** The family is God’s crucible for developing character in your life and the life of your children, as you exhibit Christ-like character within the home, and then model that love and service to others outside the home.
- 4)** Performing good works toward your neighbor and family requires intentional sacrifice.
- 5)** When you passionately pursue God and His will, you become infectious to those around you – especially to your family.

Homework Assignments

- Read chapter 9 in the 210 Project Book.

Weekly Prayer Focus

- Pray that God would help you to be the type of friend to others that allows covenant relationships to develop so you might do ministry together.
- Mark 3:35; Proverbs 27:10



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PARTICIPANT OUTLINE – SESSION 9

Chapter 9 - Friendship: Find the People who are Looking for you

- God did not design us to live out our calling in isolation. God is relational by nature, demonstrated by the tri-unity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He created man in order to have relationship with Him and designed man to live in community and unity with each other. We live out our calling in the context of covenant community

Designed for Covenant Relationship:

Our Mission Together:

God's Redemptive Work:

Learn to Value Differences:

CRUCIAL TAKEAWAYS

- God designed you for an intimate, covenant relationship with Him and with others on assignment with you.
- Christ's redemptive work in you prepares you and empowers you for Kingdom Friendships.
- God has wisely created us with differences. How you respond to those differences, between yourself and others, will either lead to isolation and ineffectiveness or, interdependence and effectiveness that exceeds what you could ever accomplish on your own.

Homework assignments

- Read Chapter 10 of 210 Project Book

Weekly prayer focus

- Pray God would help you to see His view of the pain, trial, and suffering in your life. Pray He will use your times of brokenness for His purpose and glory in another's life.
- **2 Corinthians 1:3-4; 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10**



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PARTICIPANT OUTLINE – SESSION 10

Chapter 10 – Opposition: Warfare and the Challenge of Weakness

- Inevitably we all face trials of warfare and weakness. The outcome of these trials comes down to believing God's truth or the enemy's lies. Learning to understand and interpret trials, tribulations, weakness and failures within the context of God's truth and His character are paramount to finding your true identity, purpose and calling in Christ. Trials accomplish and complete within you, what nothing else can.

The strategy of the enemy, and tactics of spiritual warfare:

How to filter our trials through God's truth and character:

Trials are inevitable, but they have purpose and value for children of God:

Crucial Takeaways:

- All suffering, trials, and tribulations, come from sin's entry into God's creation; But God has, in His grace, mercy, and sovereignty, made a way for even these to be used for your good and for His purpose and glory.
- You must understand that the strategy of the enemy, whether it is through external attacks by the world system and Satan himself; or the internal struggle and weakness of your flesh, is spiritual warfare intended to destroy you.
- Your understanding of how to filter your trials through God's truth and character is vital if you are to survive and thrive as God's intended results are realized.
- The resulting benefits of enduring trials with a Biblical perspective include: growth in authenticity, a deeper intimacy with Christ, and preparedness for your calling.

Homework assignments

- Read chapter 11 in the 210 Project Book.
- Prepare for your day of solitude – schedule a time and place.

Weekly Prayer Focus

- Pray that God would give you guidance in preparing for your day of solitude. Ask Him to remove any obstacles that would hinder your time with Him. Pray God will call to your mind all that you have learned through the 210 process about your story, and how it intersects with the story of this generation, and ultimately, with His transcendent story.
- John 17:3; John 10:10.



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PARTICIPANT OUTLINE – SESSION 11

Chapter 11 – Secret of Disciplines: Your Day of Solitude

- **Major Theme:** We can't stress enough the importance of taking time to be alone with God, not just for one day, but regularly scheduled time away with Him alone. For the purpose of the 210 Project process, this intentionally scheduled day with God gives you opportunity to be still. Our hope is that God will bring clarity to all you have learned about yourself over the past several weeks, and that you might discern His calling on your life.

God desires to speak to you and to reveal the good works He has for you:

Often, the noise and busyness of our world hinder us from hearing His voice:

A SOLO time of solitude can help us quiet our hearts and listen to His voice:

The SOLO Workbook will guide you in how to use your time with God:

Crucial Takeaways:

- Though a time of solitude is depicted throughout Scripture few Christians today exercise this inspiring and strategic discipline of grace.
- Don's story exemplifies how prayer, meditation, and listening to God's voice not only benefits you personally but may also reveal how God desires to impact others He has placed in your life.
- Modern life presents unique challenges that hinder you from exercising the discipline of solitude and prayer but, when practiced, it can provide a path for you to deepen your relationship with God—to grow in wisdom and understanding, and to become more sensitive to God's desires for you.

Homework assignments

- Complete SOLO Workbook during time of solitude.
- Come prepared to share what you learned during your SOLO experience.
- Read Chapter 12: Calling and Legacy.

Weekly Prayer Focus

- Ask God to meet you during your time of solitude, and to make clear to you the connection between all that you have learned, with His calling for your life. Pray God would guide you to the assignment He has chosen where you might engage and fulfill your calling.
- Isaiah 6:8; Colossians 1:15-16, 19.



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PARTICIPANT OUTLINE – SESSION 12

Chapter 12 – Calling and Legacy

- Together we have been on an incredible journey over the past several weeks. Hopefully, in this last session you will be able to rejoice in what God has done in your life, through this process. This concluding session is just the beginning of a glorious journey for you as you surrender all that you are, and all that you have, to God. Rejoice in what God has done, and what He will do through you as you surrender fully to His plan.

Encouragement from Scripture

- John 17:3
- John 10:10
- Colossians 1:15-16,19
- Isaiah 6:8
- Matthew 28:18

Notes from time of sharing:

Crucial Takeaways

- God desires to have an ongoing intimate relationship with you.
- His plan is for you to fully engage those He has placed in your life with the ministry of reconciliation through your unique acts of service, love and words of truth.
- That plan involves a covenant community aimed at mutual encouragement and edification.

Thank you for participating in the 210 Project. May the Lord bless you as you continue to pursue His calling on your life. May He give you courage to engage others on the journey, to walk in the center of His purpose, and to see lives transformed by God's grace!



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