



# COMMUNITY GUIDE

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## WEEKLY APPLICATION

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**TAKEAWAY:** Your vocation is your calling in life.

**HEAD CHANGE:** The idea that some things are spiritual, and some are secular is not true

**HEART CHANGE:** The term “Christian” can’t describe what something is, but it can describe how something is done.

**LIFE CHANGE:** Your work, the thing you do all day long, is at the center of Jesus’ calling on your life.

## OVERVIEW

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There are over 7.9 billion people on earth. Which is a number that most of us have a hard time wrapping our heads around but one of the striking things about humanity is how different we all are. Everyone is unique and diverse and yet, we are all called to rule, subdue, work, and take care of the earth but we each do that in a unique way. The term “vocation” comes from the Latin word, “vocatio”, which essentially means “calling”. Your vocation is your calling in life.

We believe God calls pastors and missionaries *AND* we believe He calls bankers, musicians, stay at home moms & dads, artists, accountants, and baristas among so many other vocations. Your vocation, your calling, or whatever you want to call it, isn’t limited to “spiritual” type jobs and careers. In this teaching, we are going to discuss how you should choose your vocation wisely and how you should use your vocation wisely.

*“We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

*-1 Thessalonians 1:3-*

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. Take some time to pray and ask God to reveal to you how He made you, and take a few personality tests, if you haven’t. You could take some time to take one right now with your small group! They only take a few minutes! Go to [www.16personalitytypes.com](http://www.16personalitytypes.com) and take the Myers-Briggs personality test to get started. If you have already taken the test, take some time to read about your personality type.
2. The best way to unearth your calling is by asking questions—lots of questions. What are you passionate about? What frustrates you? What kinds of activities bring you life? With the help of some friends, begin to identify how you can live out the answer to those questions?
3. Think about Jesus. Wasn’t he a carpenter or construction worker for decades before he ever engaged in public “ministry”? If having a “secular” job wasn’t beneath the Creator of the Universe, how can you begin to change your approach to your work, parenting, education, or vocation?

## CLOSE IN PRAYER

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Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of work. Help me to reorient my work so that it’s being motivated by love, guided by your scripture, and done to the best of the ability that you have given me. I understand that I don’t have to be in “full-time” ministry to live out your calling for me. In fact, all of life is my “ministry,” when I do it as an act of worship to you. In Jesus’ name, amen

**IN THIS TOGETHER!**