

# CALLED TO SERVE

## *Fulfill Your Purpose*

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**Acts 13:36**—*Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep [died]...*

## 4 KEY FACTORS FOR CHRIST SERVANTS

### 1. Faith factor: Step out of your comfort zone and serve.

**Genesis 12:1**—*The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you."*

**Matthew 14:22-33**—*...Then Peter got down out of the boat...*

#### THE FAITH FACTOR INCLUDES:

- > Step out from where you are.
- > Go somewhere new.
- > Leave what you know.
- > Do something new.

### 2. Promise factor: God will use you to bless others.

**Genesis 12:2**—*I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.*

**Acts 20:35**—*...It is more blessed to give than to receive.*

**2 Corinthians 5:20**—*We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.*

**John 6:1-14**—*...Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many...*

### 3. Purpose factor: You have been blessed to be a blessing.

**Genesis 12:3**—*I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.*

**Luke 1:26-38**—*...I am the Lord's servant... May your word to me be fulfilled...*

### 4. Calling factor: God's call on your life is constant and clear.

**Genesis 12:4**—*So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.*

**1 Corinthians 1:1-9**—*Paul, called to be an apostle... To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people... God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his son...*

**Romans 11:29**—*For God's gifts and his call are irrevocable.*

**Mark 11:12-14**—*...He found nothing but leaves...*

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*All verses quoted in New International Version unless otherwise noted.*

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# STUDY GUIDE: 9/22/24

Begin your group with prayer. Have one or two people share a testimony from their week. Keep it positive and reflect on the good things God has done.

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Genesis 12:1-4 about the call of Abraham. What stands out to you and why? How did he fulfill God's purpose for his life. How can you apply his journey to your own?
2. What does "calling" mean to you? What does it mean to fulfill our purpose in life? Discuss this in light of Genesis 12 and the calling of Abraham.
3. Rob talked about 3 keys to calling—obedience, purpose, service. How does Paul underscore this in I Corinthians 1:1-9?
4. Jesus was not pleased with the fig tree in Mark 11:12-14. What is the message of this story? Talk about the difference between fruitlessness and fruitfulness. What other scriptures come to mind?
5. Discuss the statement: "It is more about availability than ability." What are several lessons from the story about the boy with the lunch? Read and discuss John 6:1-14. Come up with at least 5 principles that you can apply to our own life.