AM I Called?: Called To Go

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

Can you share a time when you plans changed unexpectedly but turned out for the best?

WORD

Acts 16:6-10

6 Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. 7 When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. 8 So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. 9 During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them."

As we know Jesus and His experience at the Cross, we had learned His suffering, death and resurrection, knowing that the cross is a place of revelation as the Father reveals the identity of His Son. Also, the cross is a place of transformation as we had seen the life of each characters like, Nicodemus, the Centurion and then a place to respond.

Just like Nicodemus and the Centurion, as they encounter and witness Jesus crucifixion, they became followers of Christ. Paul was no different from them, Paul used to be Saul of Tarsus who became Paul the apostle, encounter Christ Jesus along the way to Damascus to persecute and to kill the followers of Christ, but after he encountered Jesus, Paul immediately became a follower and a disciple.

Called To GO - is about following His Spirit, trusting His direction, and responding in obedience for the sake of the gospel. It is about having **Faith in Christ Jesus, Follow and trusting His direction,** and **Function in living out the mission** the mission He called to GO proclaim the kingdom of GOD."

1.<u>Faith</u> in Christ Jesus - JESUS IS OUR LEADER. (Let us follow him by Following His Spirit.) Who kept Paul and his team from preaching the gospel?

Acts 16:6-7 (NIV)

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The Call To Go, requires sensitivity to the Holy Spirit. Because God is not sending us on our own.

2. <u>Follow His Direction - JESUS DIRECT.</u> (Trusting His Direction.).

Luke 9:1-2

1 When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, 2 and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

Luke 10:17, 20

17 The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." 20 However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

There are fruits and success in trusting in obedience. Jesus give direction to answer people prayers.

Acts 16:8-9 (NIV)

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You are the answered prayers for those who are in need, especially for those who are in need to hear the message of Christ, to the oppressed, to the captives and in prison.

DISCUSSION

What does this passage teach us about God's guidance when we have Faith n Him and Follow His lead. How can we become more sensitive to God's direction in our lives?

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3.**Function In Obedience** - Living out the mission, JESUS MISSION. (Responding In Obedience.)

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Paul received the call from God, redirect them from Asia Minor to Europe. A vision of a Macedonian man, Paul and his team immediately prepared to go to Macedonia concluding that God had called them to preach the gospel there.

DISCUSSION

How does this passage show that God has a specific plan for reaching people with the gospel?

LIFE APPLICATION

GO - God`s Ordination, He commissioned His people. The call to GO is about surrendering our plans to God's sovereign direction. The call to GO is about being available to share the gospel where it's most needed. The call to GO requires faith, urgency, and obedience. Where is God calling you to GO? Maybe it's across the world, across town, or just across the room to start a conversation.

Like Paul, let us be sensitive, ready, and obedient when God calls!

DISCUSSION

Paul and his team were actively serving when God redirected them, How can we remain faithful while also being open to God`s changes in our plans?

VERSE TO MEDITATE ON

Matthew 28:19-20

[19] Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

PRAYER

Share your prayer request and answered prayer. Pray for one another and throughout this week.



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