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Discussion Guide  
Intro: Week One

**Goal for Week One:** To embrace a more full life in Jesus and to see how God's calling equips us for this full life

**Getting Started:** Go around your breakout group, briefly introduce yourself and say why you signed up for this course.

Has there ever been a time in your life – past or present – when you felt restless – like there is something more you were made to do? Please describe it and share what happened.

**Separation Anxiety** – Barriers which Prevent Us from Finding Our Purpose

Samantha's story is a parable of our separation from God. We long for a relationship with our Creator yet we try to satisfy this longing with unhealthy behaviors or goals which may be good but not God's best for us. Have you seen evidence of this in our world? How do unhealthy behaviors prevent us from enjoying the full life Jesus wants to give?

On Sunday, Pastor Doug talked about curbs – anything – even a good thing – which can get in the way of seeing God's plan for you. Have you ever had a time when something good got in the way of God's best for you?

**The Full Life** Jesus says, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10

If a curious seeker asked you, "If Jesus gives a full abundant life, what is it like?" what words would you use to describe it?

**The Sweet Spot**

A major way to experience the full life is to live in your sweet spot. A bat has a sweet spot. Hitting the ball on that spot sends it soaring. It feels natural and produces the best result. Ephesians 2:10 describes our sweet spot: "For we are God's masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." There are three elements of your calling in this passage:

We are God's masterpiece: What am I created to BE? (Design)

Created in Christ Jesus to do good works: What am I created to DO? (Purpose)

Which God prepared in advance for us to do: Where am I created to GO? (Position)

The intersection of these three elements is your sweet spot.

Describe an activity or area of your life that feels natural, effortless, effective. What makes it feel this way? This may be a clue to finding your sweet spot and calling.

Of these three (Design, Purpose, Position) is there one you are clear or confused about?

### **The Two Callings**

All Christians have a primary or common calling – to live in a relationship with Jesus – and secondary or unique calling – a role to play in God’s mission that is unique to you. Your primary and secondary callings are compared to two oars in a rowboat. Are you:

Drifting – not sure about my purpose

Going in Circles – I know part of my purpose but I’m foggy about other parts

Rowing Against the Wind – I’m trying to do my purpose but facing some struggles




Smooth Sailing – I’m pursuing my purpose and it feels good

### **My Personal Calling Card**

The final page is a road map for the next six weeks. The goal each week is to fill-in one of the six elements of your card. Each week will build on the previous weeks until you have all six elements filled in. A simple statement of your unique calling will emerge. It will serve like a compass to guide future decisions. This week, spend some time getting to understand how the primary and secondary callings related to the three elements of your sweet spot (BE, DO, GO).

Closing share: What is one insight you received tonight you want to keep in the forefront of your mind this week?

# My Personal Calling Card

PRIMARY OR COMMON CALLING		
<i>My Core Identity (cI)</i>	<i>My Core Mission (cM)</i>	<i>My Core Position (cP)</i>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>BE</p>  <p>Uniquely Made</p> <p>IDENTITY/DESIGN</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>DO</p>  <p>Purpose</p> <p>MISSION/PURPOSE</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>GO</p>  <p>Position</p> <p>MISSION FIELD/POSITION</p> </div>
<p>I am uniquely made</p> <p>What is your unique [ _____ ]? identity</p>	<p>to do good works and deeds</p> <p>What is your unique [ _____ ]? mission</p>	<p>where I can be most effective.</p> <p>What is your unique [ _____ ]? position</p>
<i>My Unique Identity (uI)</i>	<i>My Unique Mission (uM)</i>	<i>My Unique Position (uP)</i>
SECONDARY OR UNIQUE CALLING		

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CALLING</b></p> <p>Calling is God's longing for us to be in eternal relationship with him, as his children. He calls us to be disciples of Jesus and to carry the fullness of Jesus into the world.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OUR PERSONAL CALLING IS  <b>GOD'S UNIQUE HANDIWORK</b>            IN OUR LIVES, TO EQUIP US TO            PLAY <b>OUR UNIQUE ROLE</b> IN            HIS MISSION HERE ON EARTH.</p>
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