

WHY AM I HERE?

DISCOVER YOUR CALLING

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Focus Our calling is to be light to a dark world, but we are not going to glow with God's light unless we grow, and we are not going to grow unless we spend time with Jesus.

Fun Summer is generally the time when families take time to rest and recharge. Have group members share some of their favorite memories from recent vacations.

Review Key Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 1:2; Luke 9:1–2, 49; Mark 3:14–15; John 1:6–8, 15:5; 2 Peter 3:18; 1 Peter 2:2; Matthew 19:13; Acts 4:13, 17:6;

1. Knowing

Jesus gave us all the power to preach, heal, and cast out demons, but power without peace is poison. The power *to do* those things comes from *being* with Jesus. The number one priority for us as disciples is to know Jesus and stay plugged in to Him. We are extension cords of God's power, love, grace, peace, mercy, kindness, and truth.

2. Growing

We can grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus. As part of our calling, we should be growing in our relationship with Jesus. No matter how long we've known the Lord, we must grow in our relationship with Him if we are going to help others.

3. Glowing

We are to be light in this dark world. We are not the light, but we *know* the Light and can reflect the Light. The more we know Jesus, the more He shines through us, and people recognize it.

Group Dynamics Idea Small of acts of kindness can show the biggest gift of all—God's love. Encourage your group to find opportunities to show kindness (big or small) to those around them.

Discuss

1. We are extension cords of God's power. If one end is not plugged into the power source, then there is no power. What are some sources we can plug into to receive God's power?
2. As we become seasoned believers, we may find ourselves getting caught up in the routines of our daily activities. 2 Peter 3:18 tells us that growing in our relationship with Jesus is an important part of our calling. Think about what power source you are plugged into. Are you still growing in God?
3. As we remain intimate with Jesus, His Word grows inside us so that His light shines through us. In what ways are you showing God's light?
4. Reread the key scriptures and take a moment to think about your life. Do you feel like there are things in your life keeping you from God's calling? What are some steps you can take to plug back in and continue to grow in your relationship with Jesus?

Take Home

- Our first and primary calling is to be with Jesus.
- We grow by the Word of God.
- People can recognize when we've been plugged into Jesus as our power source.

Prayer

Lord, thank You for the calling on each of our lives. Father, open our eyes to the one true power source that makes all the lights shine. Help us to learn more about You so we can grow in our relationship with You. Give us the peace of Your power so we can be a light in the dark world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Encourage the members of your group to get plugged into the classes and resources available to them. Encourage them to invite their neighbors, friends, and family to participate in events at Gateway Church.