

This Call is For You - Discussion Questions

John Calvin on Vocation

“The Lord bids each one of us in all life’s actions to look to God’s calling.”

(Institutes of the Christian Religion 3.10.6)

“We know that people were created for the express purpose of being employed in labor of various kinds, and that no sacrifice is more pleasing to God than when every person applies diligently to his or her own calling, and endeavors to live in such a manner as to contribute to the general advantage.”

(Commentary on a Harmony of the Evangelists 2.143)

Spend a few minutes reading the following questions and reflecting in silence. When time is called, you will be asked to share with others at your table.

1) Think about times you have felt God “calling your name”. What was it like? How did you respond?

2) We are called ” *to use the gifts and abilities God has given, honoring and serving God*
(1) in personal life,
(2) in household and families,
(3) in daily occupations,
(4) in community, nation, and the world.” Directory for Worship 5.6000

How do you live out your vocation in each of those areas?

3) How might you engage your church, family, friends, and others with whom you are in important relationships in conversations about your call and Christian vocation?

4) How might you involve others “back home” in a deeper consideration of Vocation?