

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



**PRINCE
OF PEACE**
Called to Connect



Called by God in Many Ways

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We want everyone to understand and believe in the biblical truth that all disciples are called, because believing that we are called gives depth and meaning to life. It helps us to see that our story is intricately and intentionally woven into God's larger story. The three core truths proclaimed in this week are: 1) all are called, 2) by God, 3) in various ways .

SCRIPTURE TEXT : 2 TIMOTHY 1:3-11

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

Paul writes this letter from prison, awaiting his execution. We can imagine that the long, lonely hours would have provided Paul ample opportunity to reflect on both the joys and sorrows of his life's work. Paul writes to encourage Timothy to remain faithful as a young leader, facing the challenges of false teachers. And to begin this letter of encouragement Paul reminds Timothy of where his journey as a young leader began – in the faith of his mother and grandmother. Out of that faithful foundation God called Timothy to be a leader in the early Church. Paul sees this call as a trust, something entrusted to Timothy by God and therefore it must be stewarded faithfully. But Paul also reminds us that we have all been called to live a holy life that bears witness to the grace of God in Christ, each one of us!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Remember a time you felt God at work in your life. What did you learn from that experience?
- Have you ever sensed God's calling your own life? If so, when? How did you know it was God's call?
- What has shaped your idea around what it means to be "called"?
- What does this text teach us about our calling?
- What difference would it make if you believe that something in your life is a response to God's call?
- Why do you think people resist the notion of God's call in their lives?

APPLICATION: This week, consider how God is calling you into holy living each day. How can you show God's love in your day-to-day activities?

*Additional Resource: The Stories We Live by Kathleen Cahalan**

**This sermon series is based on concepts from Cahalan's book. This week's sermon and study guide following along with Ch. 1.*