

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



**PRINCE
OF PEACE**
Called to Connect



Three Questions, Three Answers

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You can bet that once you say “yes” to joining God in mission that you’ll hear the Voice of Doubt questioning your identity, your plan, and your prospects. There is an inevitable voice that will meet you on the road to where God is calling you and it’s a voice that has plagued the people of God since the very beginning.

SCRIPTURE TEXT: JOHN 10:1-10

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

Our reading for today comes from one of those moments of doubt in the lives of the early church. Jesus and his disciples were in the midst of a huge crowd of people clamoring to get in close with this would-be messiah. Also, in the mix were people from the community who would often sow doubt in the calling of the disciples. In our reading, Jesus calls these people thieves. The good news we find out, is that those that Jesus came to seek and save hear his voice. They let go of the voices of the thieves, of doubt, and instead listen to his voice of truth.

Three phrases of doubt that the thieves use to steal, kill, and destroy your calling and there are three words of hope Jesus gives us in response. First, when the voice of doubt asks “who do you think you are?,” simply respond, “I am a child of God.” There is no greater qualification and no further qualification needed. God isn’t calling just anybody, God is calling God’s Children. Second, you hear the voice of doubt asking “how is this even possible”, simply respond, with “by faith.” A mustard seed of faith is all we need to move the mountains that God calls us to move. God is the one that gives us faith according to his purpose. Third, the voice of doubt asks, “what if you fail,” simply respond with “what if I succeed?” We have been called by God into mission. To be a love-filled people moving throughout the world planting hope wherever we go. We are called to let go of the Voice of Doubt so that we can claim the Voice of Truth which tells us that we are a child of God, encourages us to walk by faith, and calls us to wonder what might happen if we succeed.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share about a time when you felt a nudge from God but the voice of doubt began to creep in.
- How does Jesus address the voice of doubt in this passage? Where is the good news for us?
- In what ways have you felt unqualified, unfaithful, or unsure of your success when called to do something?
- How can we build each other up in these truths instead of listening to the voice of doubt?

APPLICATION: This week, spend some time in prayer, asking God to tune your ears to hear the Voice of Truth. How can we further our mission to plant hope by leaning into the Voice of Truth instead of Doubt?