

# SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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Called to Connect



## Called by the God Within

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Throughout this series we'll talk about the many ways in which God calls us. Here's another – God's still, small voice within. The story of God's dwelling place runs like a thread throughout the biblical narrative, but it ends with this profound truth from Colossians 1:27, "This is the great mystery: Christ lives in you." God's dwelling place is, by grace, within us. And so, part of our faith formation is learning to listen to God's voice within. This takes both commitment and practice.

### SCRIPTURE TEXT : JOHN 16:12-15

Read the scripture text together as a group.

### BACKGROUND INFO

We have been diving deep into the many ways God's calling is revealed to us: through others, through our gifts, through our service, through sorrow, joy or pain. This week we are going to look at God's call that is within us. This call is different since it takes some effort on our part. To attend to the call within, we do that through listening. We listen to the One who dwells within us. God abides within us and this call within is God's sheer grace, a gift of pure love, and on top of that a boundless power of source and identity. In this text Jesus is letting us know that he lives in us through the Holy Spirit. And he is calling us to be his very messengers in the world by calling us within.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- When have you experienced hearing God's call from within?
- Have you ever felt the call to silence? What was that experience like for you?
- If not, do you have a desire to know God through silence? How do you follow the call to silence?
- Do you read or study or memorize scripture? Why?
- How does your relationship with scripture lead you to follow God's call?

**APPLICATION:** This week, challenge yourself to take some time of silence each day. Maybe it's only for a few short minutes. Be intentional and listen for God's soft voice within.

*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. 8.*