

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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Called to Connect



Wired

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Temperament, personality, bent, wiring. Each word refers to the way we're made, shaped by our Creator. God has created infinite variety in the human family. While none of us are locked into a personality type, we all have a "bent". If God has created us with a specific "bent" then we need to be encouraged to embrace it, celebrate it, and use our unique wiring to bless the Body of Christ and engage in God's work.

SCRIPTURE TEXT: LUKE 10:25-28

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

In this story there are "religious" people who are pressing Jesus on the law. They're understanding of God is all about following the law. Performing and doing the "right" things. Jesus lets them know, that life isn't experienced by living out the law, but life, eternal life is about living out love. Jesus says "do this and you will live". This is how we experience eternal life, by loving God, neighbor and ourselves. Most people find it easier to love God and neighbor than it is to love ourselves. So often we find ourselves wishing we were other than what we are. Many of us struggle with how we are wired. We often find ourselves coveting the way others are wired rather than embracing our own uniqueness, our own personalities. However, we were created by God and God has created us with a specific "bent" and that is good. We need to be encouraged to embrace, celebrate, and use our unique personality to love God, others and ourselves. When we do we experience what it means to live into the eternal life Jesus speaks about.

Jesus calls us to love with God with your heart, with your soul, with your strength and with your mind. You have each of these personality traits in you. However, the reality is – every one of us focuses on one of those ways more than the others. Heart people are good with words. Soul people tend to be good at feeling. Mind people are good at thinking. Strength people tend to be good at doing. Know that you are a blend of all of these. But you do have that particular personality bent and God calls you to embrace it!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How would you describe your personality?
- What is something in your life that you are "wired" to do?
- What do you think the religious leaders were asking of Jesus in this story? How does Jesus respond?
- Which best describes your bent—are you a Heart person? Soul person? Mind person? Strength person? Why? How do you see that personality bent played out in your life?

APPLICATION: This week, find one way to embrace your personality bent. How can lean into it more deeply?