

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

PRAY TOGETHER

Father, thank You for knowing us, setting us apart, and giving each of us a purpose in Your kingdom. As we discuss this message, help us listen for the voice of the Holy Spirit above our fears, excuses, or feelings of inadequacy. Convict us where we have stayed on the sidelines, and give us the courage to say, "Yes, Lord," to the next step You are calling us to take. Send us out as people of every generation who serve faithfully, love boldly, and make Jesus known. Amen.

ICE BREAKER

What's something you loved being part of when you were younger—a team, club, ministry, hobby, or group—and what made it fun or meaningful?

SERMON OVERVIEW



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In this week's message, Noblesville Student Pastor Dylan Sundeen joins us for Northview Student Takeover Weekend. Pastor Dylan helped us consider a crucial question: what if the very excuses that hold us back from stepping into our purpose and calling are the same ones God has already answered? In this message drawn from Jeremiah chapter one, we explore the life of one of Scripture's most unlikely prophets — a young man who felt unqualified, inarticulate, and overwhelmed by the task set before him. God's call to Jeremiah was not based on his credentials or his confidence. It was rooted in something far more foundational: identity, value, and purpose. Before Jeremiah was even born, God declared that he knew him, set him apart, and appointed him. That same declaration echoes across generations and lands squarely in our own lives today. When we understand that our identity is not something we earn but something God speaks over us, the excuses begin to lose their power. Whether we feel too young, too old, too broken, or simply not enough, God's response is the same as it was to Jeremiah: do not be afraid, for I am with you. This is an invitation to stop waiting for the perfect moment and start saying yes to the next faithful step.

READ SCRIPTURE

JEREMIAH 1, 1 TIMOTHY 4:12, 1 CORINTHIANS 12:17-20

CONNECT RELATIONALLY

1) Recall a time when you sensed God prompting you to serve, lead, or encourage someone, but fear or feelings of inadequacy caused you to hesitate. What happened, and what did you learn from that experience? How does God's promise to be with you shape the way you approach opportunities to serve that feel intimidating or beyond your abilities?

2) J.C. Ryle noted that Satan deceives the young by suggesting it's too early to serve God, while he tells the old it's too late to start. Which of these lies do you find yourself more vulnerable to, and why? How have you fought these lies?

3) When has someone intentionally discipled you in your faith, or when did you have the opportunity to invest in someone younger or older than yourself? How did that experience reflect God's design for the church?

GROW SPIRITUALLY

4) The sermon pointed out that God came to Jeremiah (1:2-5) — Jeremiah did not go looking for God. How does understanding God as the one who pursues us first change the way you approach your relationship with him and your sense of purpose? Does it bring you comfort or does it challenge you?

5) Pastor Dylan emphasized that before Jeremiah was called to do anything, God declared three truths about him (Jeremiah 1:5): "I knew you," "I set you apart," and "I appointed you." How do these three statements shape Jeremiah's identity, value, and purpose? Why is that order significant for believers today?

6) Pastor Dylan reminded us that God's kingdom doesn't need the next generation someday; it needs every generation today. How have you seen the strengths of different generations complement one another in the church? Where could greater collaboration make a stronger impact for God's mission?

LIVE GENEROUSLY

7) The sermon asks, if Jesus did not wait until you were good enough to save you, why would he require you to feel good enough before he uses you? How does this question challenge the way you have been thinking about your readiness to serve or lead? How can you intentionally use this concept to encourage others?

8) Pastor Dylan shared that personal mentorship from older believers dramatically redirected the course of his life. Who might God be calling you to invest in through a similar discipleship relationship?

9) Looking at your life today, where might God be asking you to trust His grace and take a next faithful step rather than waiting until you feel completely ready?

TAKE ACTION

Based on our conversation today, how do you sense the Holy Spirit inviting you to take a next step in practical application? Please complete this statement, I am feeling convicted to take the following action (keep it simple):

Please invite each group member to share their next step, if they have one.

PRAY TOGETHER

Take a few minutes for each person to share a recent joy or praise, as well as something that's weighing on their heart and in need of intercession. Invite someone to pray over these requests. Be sure to share them with everyone in the group so you can continue praying for one another throughout the week.

ENGAGE TOGETHER



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