

Sermon Title: Celebrating Our Partnership

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Growth Group Questions

WARM-UPS

1. Do you like to cook? Why or why not? What's your specialty?
2. Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? If so, what are they and how did you discover them?

DISCUSSION

1. What did you find most challenging, helpful, or troubling in the sermon today and why?
2. Do you feel like you're making a difference with your life? Why or why not?
3. Did you grow up feeling like you were a "mistake" or an unwanted "accident?" If so, what made you feel that way? Do you still feel that way?
4. Do you know the "calling" or "purpose" that God has placed upon your life? If so, what is it, and are you living-out that calling? What "next steps" are needed to begin your journey of obedience?

IN THE WORD

Read some of the passages below and discuss any insights into today's message.

- Esther 4:14
- John 15:16
- 1 Peter 4:10

PRACTICE

- Spend some time with God asking Him of your divine purpose. What is it He designed you to do that only you can do? Listen and write down what you hear or sense. Share it with a trusted friend and begin to pray into that purpose, and then commit to taking steps of obedience.
- If you do not know your spiritual gift(s) – invest some time discovering what they are. Some suggestions are:
 1. Examine closely what the scriptures teach about spiritual gifting
 2. Spend time alone with God asking Him how He has gifted you
 3. Ask other trusted, mature friends what they see in you
 4. Examine and evaluate your passions. What energizes you / de-energizes you?
 5. What are you good at? (not always an indicator of spiritual gifting)
 6. Take a free online spiritual gift assessment (these alone are not sufficient but can help)
 7. Read some reputable books from trustworthy authors (use discernment)
 8. Try serving in various ministries and sense the Spirit's leading as you do