

# thegoodlife

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## a life of calling

10 April 2016

### Key Texts

Matthew 3:13-17

John 10:20

Romans 1:6, 5:6, 9:25-26

1 Corinthians 1:9

Thinking & talking through the biblical text during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps. Here are some questions to get you started.

### Reflection Questions

- What questions and comments do you have about the sermon and supporting texts?
- As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

### Read Matthew 3:13-17

Foundational to knowing our calling is knowing who we are.

- Who are you in Christ? What are some of the passages that speak to you about what God says about you?
- What do you think of the contrasts in this chart.

Religion	Gospel
I made a sacrifice	Because Jesus made a sacrifice I am accepted
When circumstances in my life go wrong or I fail in my career or in school, I am angry at God or myself, since I believe that anyone that is good is owed a successful life.	When circumstances in my life go wrong, I struggle but I know that while God may allow this difficulty for my training, my Father in heaven always loves me!
My identity and self-worth are based on what other people believe about my life, my career, my house and my children.	My identity and self-worth are centered on the One who died a death on the cross because he loved me.

- We are called to... a) a relationship with Christ; b) a relationship with God's people; c) serve others; d) particular tasks
- As you think about that list: i) which one do you understand the most; ii) which one do you struggle with; iii) how do you live these out. i.e. what difference did this make in your life this week?

Living out **BLESSING** others

<b>B</b>	BEGIN with prayer	I will pray for the people I my life and the places that I am in
<b>L</b>	LISTEN	I will listen to and discover the needs of others and the places where God is at work
<b>E</b>	EAT	I will share meals and spend time with people in my life
<b>S</b>	SERVE	I will respond to the needs of others and help them in practical and impactful ways
<b>S</b>	STORY	I will share the story of Jesus and what he is doing in my life with others