

Identifying Your Calling

You will find below a list of Old Testament, Gospel, and New Testament stories of people being called into their ministries. Please review the list and pick two stories from the Old Testament and two stories from the Gospels/New Testament and respond to the questions below. Please turn your responses in to me by Saturday, May 4.

Old Testament Passages

Abraham, Genesis 12, 15, 17
Jacob, Genesis 32:22-32
Moses, Exodus 3:1-4:17
Joshua, Joshua 1:5-9
Esther, Esther 4
Isaiah, Isaiah 6
Jeremiah, Jeremiah 1:4-19
Jonah, Jonah 1:1-3:3

Gospel and New Testament Passages

Joseph, Matthew 1:18-25
Zechariah and Elizabeth, Luke 1:5-25, 57-80
Mary, Luke 1:26-38
John the Baptist, Luke 3:1-20
Simon, Andrew, James, & John, Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11
Levi/Matthew, Matthew 9:9-13; Mark 2:13-17, Luke 5:27-32
The Twelve Disciples: Matthew 10:1-4; Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-16
Paul to Timothy: 2Timothy 3:10-4:5

1. Within the four call stories you read, how did God's calling develop for each of the people?
2. What was their initial response to their callings?
3. Are you aware of anyone else's call story?
4. How has the scripture reading and recalling other people's call stories, influenced your understanding of God's calling?
5. Is your understanding of God's calling clarified at all at this time? If your answer is no, then consider reading a couple of other calling stories above. If your answer is yes, then share what you are thinking about your calling at this time.
6. What are your concerns and fears associated with your calling at this time?
7. Whenever you have the opportunity to participate in Holy Communion or attend a baptism, ask the Holy Spirit for guidance and wisdom as you participate in those services.

Please don't feel pressured to have a clear understanding at this time. These questions are meant to begin the discerning process. God reveals his calling to us in his time and his way. We will discuss this more during our class time.