

Callings for Life

Week One

Discuss: What is a difficult decision you have had to face in your life?

VOCATION = “calling”

Luther on Vocation

- Not as clear-cut as we might like
- Context matters for understanding Luther: What was he pushing back against?
 - Monasticism
 - They were inventing their own works and abandoning the works that God gave them!
 - "All stations are oriented that they serve others"

Definition of Vocation

- Vocation tells us how (who, what, where, when) we love one another!
- Vocations are the (many) ways that God has called us
 - Husband, father, son, brother, pastor, citizen, friend, coworker, volunteer, neighbor, etc.
- “Callings,” “stations,” “responsibilities,” “tasks,” “chores,” “work,” “relationships”

Biblical Basis (“Read Pastor Joel’s Mind”)

- Ephesians 5:8 (and then skim through 5:21-6:9)
- Genesis 2:19-22
- Deuteronomy 17:14-20
- Luke 4:14-21

Biblical Basis

- Revelation 21:1-2

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

Impact of Vocation

- CallingS plural
- Regret and Neglect
- Both freeing AND restraining!

Class Schedule

- I'll have it printed for next week
- Today through July, we will be handling one chapter at a time every week
- In August, we will put our learning to the test with some specific case studies
 - Our vocations in the family, in society, at work/retirement, etc
- For next week... *Read Chapter One!*