

THE TRUTH ABOUT YOU

Part 4 - Vocation

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HANG OUT (warming up to the topic)

1. Check in to see how everyone's week was.
2. Did you listen to the teaching? What was most challenging? What was most encouraging?

HEAR (listening to God through Scripture)

3. What do you do for a living? Do you find purpose in your work? Do you enjoy it? How do you feel like God is using you in your workspace?
4. Forrest began his teaching by quoting John Koenig and his definition of the word, Ellipsism: "Sadness that you'll never be able to know how history will turn out, that you'll dutifully pass on the joke of being alive without ever learning the punch line." Can you relate to that feeling? How so?
5. **Read Luke 6:45;** Jesus is saying here that what we do flows out of who we are. Do you believe that to be true? Why is it so important to understand this point?
6. **Read Ephesians 2:10;** Do you believe you are god's handiwork? How does that change how you view yourself? If we are made in the image of God, then when God does work, we too should do work. How can the fact that God works (See Genesis 1) change the way we view our work?

HUDDLE (making it personal and praying together)

7. Parker Palmer says this, "*Vocation does not mean a goal that I pursue. It means a calling that I hear. Before I can tell my life what I want to do with it, I must listen to my life telling the who I am. I must listen for the truths and values at the heart of my own identity, not the standards by which I must live — but the standards by which I cannot help but live if I am living my own life.*" What do you think about this quote? How does this help you in understanding the truth about yourself?
8. **Read Colossians 3:23;** How can this group best support you in finding your calling your work? How can this group pray for you?
9. End in prayer.