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2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

No one is beyond the call of God.

God has a holy purpose for you (all).

We are God's church.

Live like a saint. . . because you are.

We are called out together.

GROUP / FAMILY DISCUSSION

- Describe your worst church experience. Describe your best church experience.
- What do you like about church (in general)? What do you dislike about church?
- How have you understood “God’s call” in the past?
- How might one discern God’s call on their life?
- How can we help find what God wants for His church (Granger MC)?
- Read **Romans 1:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 1:1; Colossians 1:1-2.** How does Paul address the church members in these letters? What are some similarities to Paul’s greeting to the Corinthians? What are some differences?
- How is living FROM the status of a saint different than living FOR the status of a saint? How does it help in our fight against sin?
- How might your week be different as you look to live out God’s calling for your holy purpose? How does it change your outlook on your vocation?
- Have you given God a “blank check” for your life? If not, what do you need to surrender?
- Will you commit to participate and live out the gospel in this local church?
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