

Leadership Tip!

Capacity is one of those terms used to measure growth. If your group is at “capacity” than long term growth is not possible. For growth to continue you will need to franchise your group to add capacity.

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STARTER QUESTIONS:

Describe a time when you learned something from someone else (one on one) that was taught to you in a personal way. Do you think learning this way was effective? Why or Why not?

MAIN IDEA:

God has a purpose/plan for your life: If you are not dead, then God is not done leading you towards that purpose.

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”.

Some important questions are asked Sunday, and if you are like me you would love to have to opportunity to talk about them. Well here is our chance!

What did God create you to do?

What dreams do you have that need encouragement?

Where do you need extra energy in your life?

It is interesting that the Greek word Pastor Hank talked about “kaleō” (*kal-eh'-o*) can be used to answer all of these questions.

Kaleō is one of the most complex words used in the New Testament that goes beyond what we think when we hear the word “call” or “calling”.

It can be very personal as when giving a baby its name. In this context, you are not giving the baby a title or label, but you are defining who they are.

Mat 1:21 *“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.” (KJV)*

It can be used to signify beckoning or summoning that has occurred or will occur.

Mat 9:13 *“Go and learn the meaning of the words, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners.’ (NIV)*

And it can be the source of power beyond this world.

Rom 10:13 *“For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” (NIV)*

FINAL THOUGHTS:

The remaining question is how can we answer the call better?

For everyone in a Life Group, that answer is easy; you are already doing it. By being part of a group of fellow Christians we will be able to hear the “call” faster and understand it more clearly than trying to do it yourself.

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*“Now to him who by his power within us is able to do far more than we ever dare to ask or **IMAGINE**—to him be glory in the Church through Jesus Christ for ever and ever, amen!”*
Ephesians 3:20-21 (PHILLIPS)

“The two most important days in your life are the day you are born
and the day you figure out why.”
-Mark Twain

“When people lose their why, that’s when they lose their way.”

“Jesus was getting ready to leave in the boat. The man who was freed from the demons begged to go with him. But Jesus would not allow the man to go. Jesus said, “Go home to your family and friends. Tell them how much the Lord has done for you and how he has had mercy on you.”
Mark 5:18-19 (ICB)

If you’re not dead, God’s not done!

The first purpose of my life is to be loved by God.

“This letter is from Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James. I am writing to all who are called to live in the love of God the Father and in the care of Jesus Christ.” Jude 1:1 (NLT)

The second purpose of my life is to belong to God’s family.

“So now you are no longer visitors or strangers. Now you are citizens together with God’s holy people. You belong to God’s family.” Eph. 2:19 (ICB)

The third purpose of my life is to become like Jesus.

“We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn, with many brothers and sisters.” Rom. 8:28-29 (NLT)

Myths about spiritual growth:

MYTH

Growth is automatic
Can be instant
By attending church
How you act at church
Measured by beliefs
Can attain it by yourself

FACT

It’s a choice
A gradual process
By developing habits
How you act at home & world
Beliefs & behavior
Can’t grow without others

Reasons to be in a Life Group:

1. Influence (Proverbs 13:20)
2. You were made for community (Genesis 2:18)
3. You'll go further, faster in your faith (John 1:46)
4. Everybody needs help **facing** life's problems (Gal. 6:2)
5. Jesus shows up (Matt. 18:20)
6. If you don't connect – you won't stick (John 6:66-67)
7. God...
8. Said...
9. To... (Hebrews 10:25)
10. Your Pastor wants you to (Hebrews 13:17)