

Find Your Calling

WEEK 2: Persevering Through Discouragement

BIG IDEA:

We often start out strong, full of enthusiasm, but then we have a set back and discouragement sets in. There are two causes of discouragement: comparison and lack of progress.

KEY VERSES:

Haggai 2:4 - But now be strong, Zerubbabel,' declares the LORD. 'Be strong, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land,' declares the LORD, 'and work. For I am with you,' declares the LORD Almighty.

Galatians 6:9 - Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How do you respond when you face discouragement?

Key Point #1: We compare our start with someone else's finish.

2. In what areas(s) of your life do you find yourself falling into the comparison trap?
3. How can you stop comparing your life to others?
4. What does it mean to you to "stay strong and do the work"?

Key Point #2: Successful people do consistently what normal people do occasionally?

5. What has God called you to consistently do? Is that difficult for you? Why or why not?
6. Do you feel like the Lord is with you? Is that difficult for you to accept? Why or why not?
7. When have you experienced God doing something greater than you expected? What does that past experience tell you about your current circumstance?

MOVING FORWARD:

God sacrificed His son to get to you. Not just so He could do something for you, but something through you. God has called you to something greater. Every step you take toward God, glorifies Him. You never have to be discouraged because you are not alone. Discuss as a group in what way is discouragement holding you back from what God is calling you to do? What can you do this week to reengage in "the work"?