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MAKE DISCIPLES 'CHOSEN GENERATION'

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light; 1 Peter 2:9 NKJV

WE'RE CHOSEN FOR TEAM JESUS

28 God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. 29 As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God. 1 Corinthians 1:28-29 NLT

18 One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. 19 Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" 20 And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Matthew 4:18-20 NLT

And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? Acts 2:7 ESV

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. John 15:16 NKJV

WE'RE IMPACT PLAYERS FOR "SUCH A TIME AS THIS"

From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.

Acts 17:26 NIV

For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Esther 4:14 ESV

33 "Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. 34 Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with

olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. Luke 10:33-34 NLT

5 "Build homes, and plan to stay. Plant gardens, and eat the food they produce. 6 Marry and have children. Then find spouses for them so that you may have many grandchildren. Multiply! Do not dwindle away! 7 And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare." Jeremiah 29:5-6 NLT

OUR CALLINGS SURPASS OUR CAREERS TO JESUS' CAUSE

...that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light; 1 Peter 2:9 NKJV

15 Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name. 16 And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God. Hebrews 13:15 NLT

But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. Acts 20:24 ESV

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

- Read 1 Peter 2:9. What phrases and words stand out for you and why?
- 2. On what basis did Jesus choose us? How should that greatly encourage us?
- 3. What's an impact player and in what ways does this phrase aptly describe our role in the Great Commission across the millennia?
- 4. Why is it problematic to limit our callings to our careers? How might you get a better perspective on your calling and specifically to the Isle of Man at this time?
- 5. What has God said to you through this message and discussion?