

## **Discovering Our Place in God's Eternal Purpose**

### **Session 3: Jesus Equips the Called**

#### **I. Whose Responsibility**

##### **a. John 17:4**

<sup>4</sup>I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

##### **John 17: 6-8**

<sup>6</sup>I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

<sup>7</sup>Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.

<sup>8</sup>For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

##### **John 17: 22-23**

<sup>22</sup>And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

<sup>23</sup>I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

1. The Father gives our lives to Jesus for Him to develop and teach us.
2. To make useful vessels that His Father can use to save a lost and dying world

##### **b. Mark 1:17**

<sup>17</sup>And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

1. Jesus would be the one to make them fishers of men
2. The disciple's responsibility was to stay with Jesus to learn and practice what He taught.

##### **John 6:39**

<sup>39</sup>And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

3. He is going train us by guiding us, encouraging us, and empowering us

## II. We are important to God

a. As we respond to the call of God and yield to Him, HE powerfully accomplishes His purpose to save a lost world through our lives.

### 1. **Ezekiel 22:30-31**

<sup>30</sup>And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

<sup>31</sup>Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD.

**God seeks out those who are willing to “stand before Him on behalf of the land.”**

### 2. **Jonah 3:1-3**

<sup>1</sup>And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying,

<sup>2</sup>Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.

<sup>3</sup>So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey.

**When Jonah finally obeyed God’s assignment to take the message to take His message to the people of the great city of Nineveh, the king and all the people responded with immediate repentance, and the entire city was saved.**

### 3. **Esther 4:13-14**

<sup>13</sup>Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews.

<sup>14</sup>For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

**Her response was vital to the heart of God for His people**

**4. Isaiah 6:8**

<sup>8</sup>Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

Do we have the proper response?

What is God looking over the earth to do?

**2 Chronicles 16:9**

<sup>9</sup>For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

**III. This week take a spiritual inventory of yourself before God.**

- a. Am I a believer?
- b. Do I therefore know that I am called by God?
- c. Am I on mission with and for God?
- d. Does my life give constant evidence that I have released my life to Him fully?

Ask the Lord to show you what He thinks of your life and your obedience to Him? What is His response? What adjustments do you need to make in your life in order to respond to His perspective of your life?