

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Calling Out the Called

**Disciplining
Those
Called to
Ministry
Leadership**

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INTRODUCTION

1. What is your impression of the state of ministry leadership? Discuss how the statistics shared either support or refute your assumptions. What did you learn new about the state of ministry leadership?
2. What are the three foundational aspects affecting ministry leadership today?
3. How do you think about calling? How does the introduction challenge you to think differently about calling?

CHAPTER 1

1. Discuss the four helpful ways to recognize a call to ministry, according to Charles Spurgeon. How do you respond to Spurgeon's list?
2. What does it mean to "count the cost" of calling? How does that apply to your life personally?
3. When have you surrendered to a call from God? How does Jonah's story encourage you to commit without conditions to God's call?

CHAPTER 2

1. What does it mean to abide in your identity, not your activity?
2. How does Paul's letter to the Colossians encourage you?
3. How would you describe the overflow of Christ's love and power in your life? What changes do you need to make in order to increase the overflow that comes with intimacy with God?

CHAPTER 3

1. Read aloud John 17:14-16. In your own words, describe what it means to be in the world but not of the world.
2. Why is it important to know God's Word, to grow in it, and to sow it?
3. Read aloud Matthew 7:24-27. How does this parable relate to your experience with God's Word as a ministry leader?

CHAPTER 4

1. How do you define prayer? What is its role in your life?
2. How is prayer your oxygen and a power cord?
3. How do you respond to this quote from Andrew Murray on page 68: "The sin of prayerlessness is one of the deepest roots of evil."

CHAPTER 5

1. How would you describe the role of evangelism in your life? How are you convicted to engage in evangelism?
2. When has fear stopped you from evangelizing others? What do you need to replace fear with confidence?
3. How does the idea that you are on a co-mission with Christ to tell the world about Him give you encouragement to evangelize and disciple others?

CHAPTER 6

1. How do you understand the role of spiritual gifts in ministry? What are your specific spiritual gifts and how should you use them?
2. In your own words, explain what it means to promote the spiritual growth of God's people. What are your greatest challenges to doing so?
3. What does it mean for you to care for the bride of Christ with sacrificial love and trustworthy leadership?

CHAPTER 7

1. How do you regard the work of the Holy Spirit in your life and ministry? How do you see the Spirit's walking with you, watching over you, and working through you?
2. Discuss and share a few examples of how you've experienced the Spirit as Counselor, Comforter, and Conqueror.
3. What will stifle the Spirit's work in your life? How can you prevent that?

CHAPTER 8

1. What does the calling to serve look like? Why is it important to prioritize service over celebrity in ministry?
2. Read John 13 and Philippians 2. What words or phrases in those passages stand out to you about Jesus' servant leadership? How does Jesus' example encourage you?
3. Discuss the six characteristics and qualities God has created and cultivated in servant leaders.

CHAPTER 9

1. Why is it important to pray about your future family as you discern God's calling?
2. In your own words, define "healthy ministry balance." What are your greatest challenges to achieving this?
3. What are some practical steps you can take in order to protect your family?

CHAPTER 10

1. Why is learning from others who persevered in ministry so effective in teaching us how to do it well?
2. What do you remember about Billy Graham's ministry? How does his life encourage you? What do you learn from him?
3. Read aloud 2 Timothy 4:6-7. What words or phrases stand out to you? How will you apply this passage to your call to ministry?

CHAPTER 11

1. What are the two primary principles to guide you as you prepare your family for your call to ministry?
2. How would you describe your ability to manage money? What does it mean to follow a money map and why is this important?
3. What are your plans for education and gaining experience? How will decisions in these areas prepare you for your future in ministry?

CONCLUSION

1. In your own words, describe the practical tips the authors offer for giving an effective gospel invitation that includes calling out the called.
2. Why is it important to "call out" the called?
3. What are three main takeaways after reading this book?