



The Activate MASTERCLASS is a Sozo Equip series designed for individuals and small groups. This 10 part video series will lead you on a journey of developing your Kingdom Calling. The real key to your discovery is found in taking time to work through this study guide. God created you with a unique and personal Kingdom Calling that fits who you are and how He has wired you. As you discover your Kingdom Calling we believe God will give you clarity in how you fit into the church and what it looks like to have a Kingdom impact in the places where He has placed you. It's our prayer that through this journey God gives you clarity and reveals His divine purposes for you. The world needs what God has put in you!

## -Joel Lowry Lead Pastor, Sozo Church

"As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received."
-Ephesians 4:1 NIV

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."
-Ephesians 2:10 NIV

"My Child, never drift off course from these two goals for your life: to walk in wisdom and to discover your purpose. Don't ever forget how they empower you.

-Proverbs 3:21 TPT

#### Session 1: You Are Called

In this session we talk about the significance of your Kingdom Calling and the custom-made grace that empowers you to live that calling out.

#### Questions

If in a group ask these questions of each other. If you're using Activate as a personal study, consider answering these questions on your own.

What stood out to you from today's video?

What are some problems in the world that pull on your heart?

What do you think it means to "live a life worthy of the life you have a received"?

What is your je ne sais quoi - the intangible thing about you that makes you who you uniquely are? Consider asking 2-3 people who know you well to give you feedback on this question.

Describe how you see God's grace (the empowering presence of God to be who He created you to be & do what He created you to do) at work in your life? In what types of settings do you see God's favor on your life?

As best you know, describe the call of God on your life. (For some this is can either be intimidating or feel boastful. However, as 1 Corinthians 4:7 says, this grace on your life is not of your own doing, you are simply recognizing, receiving and honoring what God has given you.)

#### **Activation**

Begin asking God to reveal your Kingdom Calling to you. If in a group, pray for each other and wait on the Holy Spirit to speak. If you're going through this alone begin to pray and consider asking one or two others to pray for God to bring clarity to you concerning your Kingdom Calling.

#### **Developing Your Kingdom Calling**

As you journey through Activate the end goal is to come up with 1) a two to three word Kingdom-Calling and 2) a 1 sentence Kingdom Calling Statement that clarifies how God has wired, called and gifted in a way that will activate you both in your daily life and in the church to bring the Kingdom in your unique way. Pay attention to themes that begin to emerge as each session will build progressively adding clarity.

## Here are a few examples:

**Kingdom Calling:** Who God has wired, gifted and called you to be. Your fivefold gifts, identity words, and the unique grace of God on your life will be helpful in shaping your Kingdom Calling.

ex. 1 Pioneering-Father

ex. 2 Noble-Influencer

**Kingdom Calling Statement:** Combines your Kingdom Calling statement with what it looks like for you to live that out. Your passions, experiences, abilities, along with directional prophetic words and spheres of influence will help shape this statement. ex. 1 "I am called to be a pioneering-father who helps establish people, organizations and movements in their kingdom purpose." ex. 2 "I am called to creatively influence people to build the Kingdom of God from my position of royalty."

## Session 2: My Ministry Shape

In this session we take a look at how God is working everything in your story for you good and His purposes. This session builds on the "My Ministry Shape Worksheet" below. Consider taking time over the next 4 days to prayerfully work through the worksheet.

#### **Questions**

What stood out to you from today's video?

What did you learn about yourself?

What makes you come alive?

Where do you see God's redemptive work in your story?

How do you see your Heart, Abilities, Personality & Experiences contributing to your calling?

## **Developing Your Kingdom Calling**

Over the next few days work through the My Ministry S.H.A.P.E. Worksheet below. When you finish come back to these questions .

What strengths best describe you?

What abilities might contribute to your Kingdom Calling?

How does your personality flavor your Kingdom Calling?

How do your life experience create context for your Kingdom Calling?

## My Ministry S.H.A.P.E. Worksheet

Five factors have combined to SHAPE your life and determine your primary areas of ministry. (Evaluate only 1 factor per day. This will require four days).

Soon: Spiritual Gifts (What am I gifted to do?) - We'll consider spiritual gifts in depth in Sessions 4 &5

Day 1: Heart (What do I love to do?)

Day 2: Abilities (What skills and natural talents do I have?)

Day 3: Personality (Where does my personality best suit me to serve?)

Day 4: Experiences (What life experiences have shaped who i am?)

## My Ministry S.H.A.P.E. DAY 1

HEART (What do I love to do?...Proverbs 4:23)

What is my passion? What *motivates* me most? What makes me come alive? Clifton's Strengths Finder 2.0 identifies 34 common strengths.

#### 1. Circle your top 5 passions/motivations in this list.

ACHIEVER (Driven) ACTIVATOR (Action) ADAPTABILITY (In the moment)
ANALYTICAL (Prove it) ARRANGER (Conductor) BELIEF (Values directed)
COMMAND (Take charge) COMMUNICATION (Story teller) COMPETITION (Play to win)

CONNECTEDNESS (Bridge builder) CONSISTENCY (Balance)

DELIBERATIVE (Careful)

DEVELOPER (See potential)

CONTEXT (Learn from past)

DISCIPLINE (Structure)

EMPATHY (Feeler) FOCUS (Efficient) FUTURISTIC (Visionary dreamer)...

HARMONY (Peace maker)

IDEATION (Fascinated by ideas)

INCLUDER (All welcome)

INDIVIDUALISM (Finds treasure in all)

INPUT (Info collector)

INTELLECTION (Thinker)

LEARNER (Love to learn)

MAXIMIZER (Excellence)

POSITIVITY (Optimistic)...

RELATOR (Deep relationships)

RESPONSIBILITY (Will get it done) RESTORATIVE (Solve problems)

SELF-

ASSURANCE (Self-confidence) SIGNIFICANCE (Recognized/heard/known) STRATEGIC (Find best route)

WOO (Winning Others Over)

Rank your top 5 strengths. Write a sentence after each explaining why this describes you.

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\*Purchase Tom Rath's Strengths Finder 2.0 or go online for an in depth evaluation.

- 2. Who do I love to work with most? (the age or type of people)
- 3. What issues, ministries, or possible needs *excite* or *concern* me most? (i.e. Education, Business, Family, Government, Arts/Entertainment, Media, Religion, etc.)
- 4. What are my dreams? If I knew I couldn't fail, what would I attempt to do for God with my life?

# My Ministry S.H.A.P.E. DAY 2

ABILITIES (What skills and natural talents do I have?Exodus 31:3)  1. My current vocation is:			
2. Other jobs or skills I have exp	erience in:		
3. I feel I have these specialized a	abilities (circle those abilities	s you have):	
Entertaining ability	Recruiting ability	Interviewing ability	Public relations
Researching ability	Artistic ability	Graphics ability	Evaluating ability
Planning ability	Managing ability	Counseling ability	Teaching ability
Writing ability	Editing ability	Repairing ability	Building
Hospitality	Feeding	Mechanical ability	Resourceful
Accounting	Welcoming ability	Composing ability	Landscaping
Decorating	Other	_	

5. I have favor in:

# My Ministry S.H.A.P.E. DAY 3

**PERSONALITY** (Where does my personality best suit me to serve?)

INTROVERT	3	2	1_1	2	3	EXTROVERT
SELF-CONTROLLED	3	2	11	2	3	SELF-EXPRESSIVE
ROUTINE	3	22	1_1	2	3	VARIETY
COOPERATIVE	3	22	11	22	3	COMPETITIVE

## **FOUR PERSONALITY TYPES**

CHOLERIC	<b>SANGUINE</b>	<b>PHLEGMATI</b>	<u>C</u>	MELANC	CHOLY
(Achievers)	(Talkers)	(Affiliators)	(T	hinkers)	
Goal-oriented Organized	People-oriented Inspiring		m-oriented ninistrated		Numbers-oriented Accurate; Follow-up
Active	Enthusiastic	Disc	ciplined		Sensitive
RESULTS	RELATIONSHIP	STA	BILITY		PLAN FOLLOWED
Powerful	Popular	Pea	ceful		Perfect
Generate ideas	Talk about ideas	Do t	he work		Make sure work gets done right
Creates change	Likes to change	Slov	v to change		Must justify change

## I DESCRIBE MY PERSONALITY LIKE THIS:

# My Ministry S.H.A.P.E. DAY 4

EXPERIENCES (what life experiences have shaped who I am?)
1. Some of my family experiences that shaped me while growing up:
2. Some of my educational experiences that have shaped me:
3. Some of the <i>spiritual experiences</i> that have shaped me (i.e. Meaningful encounters with God, prophetic words that have impacted me, spiritual battles, etc.):
<b>4.</b> Some <i>painful experiences</i> that have shaped me (i.e. Problems, hurts, traumas, trial that have prepared me for my Kingdom assignment):
5. Some of my <i>ministry experiences</i> that have shaped me (i.e. How I have served in the past—church or other):
6. Other <i>mile markers</i> in my life:

## Session 3: Releasing All Your Spiritual Gifts

In this session we explore the different types of spiritual gifts and how they work in your life and calling.

This session builds on the "Releasing All Your Gifts Worksheet" below. Consider taking time over the next 3 days to prayerfully work through the worksheet.

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What stood out to you from the video?
What did you learn about yourself?
Which gifts do you see most active in your life?
Where did you find God stirring your passion and spiritual hunger for more of Him?

## **Developing Your Kingdom Calling**

Over the next 3 days complete the "Releasing All of Your Gifts" Worksheet below.

What themes do you see emerging around your calling/gifting/wiring?

How do the prophetic words that you have received compliment your spiritual gifts?

## **RELEASING ALL OF YOUR GIFTS**

#### Worksheet

## There are three primary categories of gifts in the New Testament:

- (7) gifts of the Father, found in Romans 12:6-8, that represent one's primary motivation.
- (5) gifts of Christ in Ephesians 4:11-13 that are for the purpose of equipping the church for ministry.
- (9) manifestations of the Holy Spirit in 1 Corinthians 12:7-11.

#### What am I gifted to do?

This worksheet is a component of the SHAPE survey. We will dedicate four days to homework that will help you explore and release your spiritual gifting.

#### DAY 1

#### MOTIVATIONAL Gifts of the Father that represent your primary personal motivation.

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is <u>prophesying</u>, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is <u>serving</u>, then serve; if it is <u>teaching</u>, then teach; if it is to <u>encourage</u>, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to <u>lead</u>, do it diligently; if it is to show <u>mercy</u>, do it cheerfully" (Romans 12:6-8).

- You receive the gift! (It's the way you are wired).
- Each believer ministers from a unique "grace" in his/her life (Romans 12:6).

**Prophesying:** Persuasive communication that inspires, convinces and challenges. Divinely anointed utterance that reveals the heart of God.

Serving: The ability to see and meet the needs of others. Servants have an "others first" mindset.

Teaching: The ability to explain, enlighten and impart information in a way that is understood.

Encouraging: The ability to build up and "pull out the best" in others. Literally, encourage means "to give courage."

Giving: Consistent financial generosity to those in need and/or those who have great vision that needs (pro)vision.

**Leading:** The ability to gather, cast vision, influence and galvanize a team (family, organization, etc.) through wise strategy, effective tactics and ability to inspire morale.

Showing Mercy: The ability to recognize those who are hurting, and offer care, comfort and compassion.

#### **ACTIVATION**

- 1. Which of the (7) highlighted words in **Romans 12:6-8** best describes **WHY** you do what you do? (that's your motivation). List (2) motivational gifts if you are uncertain.
- 2. Give an example of why you chose this motivational gift:
- 3. Intentionally meditate throughout the day about how Father has uniquely wired you with the motivation you have. Ask Him how He wants you to partner with Him in serving someone today.

#### DAY 2

MINISTRY Gifts of Christ that are for the purpose of equipping the church for ministry.

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift... And He gave some as <u>apostles</u>, some as <u>prophets</u>, some as <u>evangelists</u>, some as <u>pastors</u> and <u>teachers</u>, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:7, 11-13).

- Jesus embodied each of these gifts and then gave these gifts to us (His followers) for the purpose of equipping and building
  up the body of Christ until we all attain unity, intimacy and maturity in Christ (Ephesians 4:13). Clearly, we still need these gifts
  of Christ today!
- You are the ministry gift!
- You uniquely (re)present Jesus in the way you minister to and equip others (See Ephesians 4:7).
- Review your 5-fold ministry survey from session 5.

Apostles & Prophets: Focused on "bringing heaven to earth!"

Apostle: dream awakener; visionary; cultures changer; spiritual father/mother.

(Eyes of Body: "see & go!")

Prophet: heart revealer; contagious revelation. (Ears of Body: "hear & proclaim!")

Evangelists & Shepherds: Focused on "people"

Evangelist: good news teller (story teller); contagious compassion; treasure hunter. (Mouth of Body: "share & love!")

Pastor: soul healers; contagious unity. (Arms of Body: "care & grow!")

Teachers: Focused on "translating God's written & living Word from heaven to earth!"

Teacher: light givers; contagious learning; Scripture treasure hunter. (Mind of Body: "learn & live (it out)!")

#### **ACTIVATION**

- 1. Circle your top 2 equipping gifts in Ephesians 4:11. This describes HOW you (re)present Jesus!
- 2. Ask Jesus to show you who you need to receive from/pour into. Write those name down and pray for them today.

#### DAY 3

MANIFESTATIONS of the Holy Spirit that make the reality of the invisible realm visible!

But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given the <u>word of wisdom</u> through the Spirit, and to another the <u>word of knowledge</u> according to the same Spirit; to another <u>faith</u> by the same Spirit, and to another <u>gifts of healing</u> by the one Spirit, and to another the <u>effecting of miracles</u>, and to another <u>prophecy</u>, and to another the <u>distinguishing of spirits</u>, to another <u>various kinds</u> of tongues, and to another the <u>interpretation of tongues</u>. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills (1 Corinthians 12:7-11 NASB).

- You deliver the gift!
- Spiritual manifestations are available to all, as the situation dictates. You *release the gift* through the empowerment of the *dancing hand of God* (See 1 Corinthians 12:11).

#### Eyes of Jesus (To see into the spiritual realm!)

- Words of knowledge (I Corinthians 12:8)— Supernatural revelation of facts not learned through the effort of the natural mind.
  - Words of wisdom (I Corinthians 12:8) God-given insight into what to do and how to do it.
- Distinguishing of Spirits (I Corinthians 12:10) Seer into the spiritual realm (Holy Spirit, human spirit, angels, demons)

#### Hands of Jesus(For power to get the job done!)

• Faith (I Corinthians 12:9)—(This is not ordinary faith or faith to be born again). Supernatural empowerment of faith flowing into you and through you.

## Session 4: The Fivefold & Me

In this session we explore the fivefold gifts of Jesus in Ephesians 4 and the custom-made grace on your life. This session builds on the "Fivefold Ministry Survey" and "Fivefold Definitions & Synonyms" found below.

Questions What stood out to you from today's video?
Which of these five graces do you see active in your life?
Who do you know who could help you mature in those graces?

Who are some people who might be able to help you grow in those graces?

## **Developing Your Kingdom Calling**

Which of these five graces would you like to grow in?

Take the survey below and read through the definitions and synonyms to see what best describes you. Feel free to develop other synonyms that better fit what you know and have recently learned about yourself.

Which 1 or 2 of the fivefold gifting/calling seem to best fit you?

Find synonyms for your fivefold gifting/calling that better fit your personality and the nuances of your gifting/calling.

What themes do you see emerging around your Kingdom Calling?

# **Fivefold Ministry Survey**

Rate yourself from 0 to 5 with 0 being "no/never" and 5 being "yes/always". Note this survey and surveys like it are intended to be tools that give an indication of your wiring based on your past experience and perceptions and have clear limitations including the possibility of God doing something completely new with you at some point in the future.

1. I've always wanted to build an organization from the ground up.
2. Whenever I hear something exciting I want everyone to know.
3. I struggle when the things I am a part of are not growing and improving.
4. I often have inspired thoughts, visions or dreams.
5. How people are doing matters deeply to me.
6. I like to make the complex simple.
7. I have a deep passion for justice and holiness.
8. I love to connect people to things I am passionate about.
9. People often appreciate how much I care about them.
10. I often research the deeper meaning of the truth I discover.
11. People have said that I am a person of unusual vision.
12. I am passionate about seeing people come to know Jesus.
13. I often ask, "Where is that in the Bible?"
14. People often say that my words have incredible relevance for their life.
15. I often ask, "Are the people being taken care of?"
16. People often say that I have helped them understand the Bible.
17. I often sense the spiritual climate in a room or area.
18. I want to help others grow in healthy relationships.
19. I have a high value for truth.
20. I often ask, "Are we reaching new people?"
21. I'm passionate about developing the potential in people and organizations.
22. I like helping people hear God for themselves.
23. I want to help others learn how to share the Gospel.
24. I like building bridges between people, organizations and cultures.
25. I have a high value for relational harmony.

## **Fivefold Ministry Survey**

Add your totals from the survey and answer the questions below.

_1.	2.	6.
3.	8.	10.
11.	12.	13.
21.	20.	16.
24.	23.	19.
Total Apostle	Total Evangelist	Total Teacher
4.	5.	
7.	9.	
14.	15.	
17.	18.	
22.	25.	
Total Prophet	Total Pastor	
What was your highest total?		
What was your lowest total?		

Given what you know about yourself do how accurately do those scores seem to reflect you and your wiring?

## Fivefold Definitions & Synonyms

**Apostle**- sent one. Transforms culture. Brings the culture of heaven into earth both by pioneering and building. Protector of kingdom DNA. Peter & Paul. Are we making a difference? Are people living in their calling? Synonyms: pioneer, reformer, fire-starter, builder, father, mother, visionary

**Prophets**- hear God and call people to covenant faithfulness. High value for holiness and justice. Are we hearing God and obeying? Synonyms: revealer, seer, mystic, mouthpiece, creative, artistic, truth-teller,

**Evangelist**- contagious recruiters. Are people coming into the family of God? Are we reaching people? Some are mass evangelists like a Billy Graham, others are incredible with strangers, some our relational evangelist and others are inviters. Synonyms: revivalist, inviter, recruiter, treasure-hunter, good-news-teller

Pastors/Shepherds - heart healers, they care for the health of the family of God. Are people taken care of? Are they connected to the family of God? Synonyms: shepherd, nurturer, protector, soul-healers, restorer

**Teachers** - understand and explain. Do people know and understand the Bible and the ways of God. They unveil the mysteries of God with transferable simplicity. Are people growing? Synonyms: instructor, coach, light-bringer, revealer

## Session 5: What God Says About Me

In this session we will explore and process the prophetic words that God spoken to you and how those are instrumental in developing our Kingdom Calling. This session builds on the Prophetic Identity Worksheet below.

#### Questions

What stood out to you from this session?

What is a prophetic word or theme that has significantly marked your life?

What prophetic words have you received that you have seen come to pass in your life?

What themes can see emerging from the things God has spoken to you?

#### Activation

If you are in a group setting, take some time to pray for each other and ask God to speak to you about each other. Take time share what God shares with you.

If you are going through this material alone, consider asking 2 to 3 trusted friends to ask God how He sees you.

## **Developing Your Kingdom Calling**

As you have worked through the Prophetic Identity Worksheet what words do you have that contribute to your Kingdom Calling?

Reflecting on what you have discovered from previous sessions what themes do you see emerging for your Kingdom Calling?

Often times directional words along with our passions and experiences contribute to the formation of our Kingdom Calling Statement. From your prophetic words do you have any direction as to whom or where you might be called?

## Prophetic Identity Worksheet

Prophecy is used to encourage, comfort and build up people. Its revelation is to be given in love. Manifesting the beauty of how Heaven sees us. Prophecy calls out the future in our life's and has the ability to transform us into the people we were always meant to be.

Psalms 139:5 TPT "You've gone into my future to prepare the way, and in kindness you follow behind me to spare me from the harm of my past. You have laid your hand on me! This is just too wonderful and too deep for me to comprehend! Your understanding of me brings me wonder and strength."

The following worksheet was created to help you individually or in a group, to process your prophetic words so that you will learn how to apply them to your life, to discover the way Heaven sees you and what His purpose and vision is for your life and to help you resist the strategies of the accuser. *Proverbs 29:18 "When there is no clear prophetic vision, people quickly wander astray. But when you follow the revelation of the word, heavens bless fills your soul."* 

The last section is a worksheet to create your own "I am" statements, which will help you understand heavens perspective of your identity and give you the ability to resist the strategies of the accuser. Ephesians 6:11" Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

1 Timothy 1:18 "...use your prophecies as weapons as you wage spiritual warfare by faith and with a clean conscience."

## Testing/Judging Your Prophetic Words

GUIDELINES TO HELP YOU TEST/JUDGE YOUR WORDS:		1 Thessalonians 5:19-22 "Never restrain or put out the fire of the Holy Spirit. And don't be one who scorns prophecies but be faithful to examine them by putting them to the test, and afterwards hold tightly to what has proven to be right."
1.	Does it align with the Nature of God?	What do you do if it does not line up with the Nature of God? Disregard it. We are not judging the person that gave you the word, but the word itself. Talk to a trusted friend or pastor.
2.	Does it resonate with you?	Do you feel built up and does this prophetic word give you a sense of direction and/or peace?
3.	Does the prophetic word strength, encourage, or comfort you?	Corinthians 14:3 "But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort."  Always test the prophetic word with those you trust, they can help provide a healthy and different perspective on the interpretation and application of the word.

# How to process my prophetic words

1.	Gather your prophetic words	Gather your prophetic words that you have chosen and tested, and have it all in one place. Gather 2-4 words
2.	Highlight "Identity" words.	Highlight or Circle words that describe who God says you are, Your Identity Words, such as "I am", "I see you as," "You are", etc. Highlight when you have been compared to a famous person, bible character, etc
3.	Highlight "directional" words.	Highlight or <u>Underline</u> words that are sending or directional words. Go words, for instance, Gideons word from the Lord, "Go with the strength you have, Rescue Israel from the Midianites, I am sending you."
4.	Highlight words that strengthen encourage or comfort you, Words that will build you up.	Highlight or put in (parenthesis) that strength, encourage or comfort you. EXAMPLE: Gideon in Judges 6:14, 16 I have sent you I will be with you – You will be succeed

# **Identity Words**

Make a list of these words that you have identified as "identity" words	EXAMPLE: Leader Visionary Pioneer Royalty Valiant Warrior
Make a list of your directional words, if you have any.	EXAMPLE from Gideons Words Judges 6:14,16, & Samuels words to Saul in 1 Samuel 10:6 Go with the strength you have, Save Israel The Spirit of the Lord will come Powerfully upon you, and you will prophesy"
Make a list of your strengthening, encouraging and comforting or building up words.	EXAMPLE: from 1 Samuel 10:6, Judges 6, 1 Peter 2:9 etc.  1 Sam 10:6 – you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man. (You will be transformed)  Judges 6, "I will be with you, and you will defeat the Midianites (your enemy) as one man."  1 Peter 2:9, "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people,"

# Create your own "I Am" Statement

Use this section to Create your own "I AM" statement	Write down below your own Identity words your "I Am" statement from the words you listed above:  I am
Create your paragraph of How Heaven sees you.	Stand Firm in who you are occurring to the way heaven sees you.  1 Timothy 1:18 "use your prophecies as weapons as you wage spiritual warfare by faith and with a clean conscience."

## Session 6: My Part In Advancing the Kingdom

In this session we explore the ideas of where and to whom we are called.

## **Questions**

What stood out to you from the video?

What are some places in society that you know God wants to be worshipped from?

Which of the "seven spheres of influence" are you most drawn to?

What might it look like to bring the Kingdom to those spheres? Imagine what it might look like for the Kingdom of God to have influence and leadership there.

Where do you have favor? Looking back on your life, what are some settings, scenarios and people groups that you see God giving you favor with people?

What are some ways that you can live out the Great Commission in the places that God has already placed you?

#### **Activation**

Take time to pray for the places God has already placed you. Ask God to give you His heart for those places and the people there. Ask God for His vision of what it would look like for His Kingdom to come and operate in those places.

## **Developing Your Kingdom Calling**

Combining what you know about your gifting/wiring/calling and what you discovered about where and who you are called to in this session to add clarity to your Kingdom Calling Statement.

## Session 7: My Assignment

In this session we explore the stages of development we go through as we walking into the fullness of our Kingdom Calling and how that impacts what we do in our current season of life.

#### Questions

What stood out to you from this session?

Read Ephesians 2:10. Do you struggle to trust that God will lead you into the good works that He has provided in advance for you?

How does the Sovereign Foundations of your life contribute to shaping your Kingdom Calling?

Which of the six stages of development do you find yourself in?

- 1) Sovereign Foundations this stage is about God setting you up and shaping your calling from the beginning of your life.
- 2) Inner Life Growth marked by God shaping your character and cultivating intimacy with Him.
- 3) Ministry Maturing learning what it looks like to live in your calling before you carry the full weight of the responsibility of your calling.
- 4) Life Maturing marked by embracing the growth and development that comes from adversity.
- 5) Divine Convergence the realization of your kingdom calling that allows you to live from the overflow of your intimacy and history with Jesus.
- 6) Legacy living for future generations

What do you sense God cultivating in you in your current season of life?

Where is God calling you to serve and to grow in this season?

#### **Developing Your Kingdom Calling**

How does the concept of the 6 stages of development add clarity to both your Kingdom Calling and your current season of life?

How is God calling you to grow and overflow in this season?

## Session 8: Finding Your Fit

In this session we explore the how our Kingdom Calling fits into God's purposes for the church.

#### Questions

What stood out to you from today's video?

As you think about your gifting/calling in the context of spiritual family, how does your gifting fit in the body of Christ?

What areas of your personal character do you sense God highlighting as an area of growth to better sustain your gifting/calling?

What does it look like practically to use your gift to serve others? How does your gifting/calling empower others?

#### **Activations**

Ask 1-2 people in your group, or in your spiritual family 1) what gift they see you operating in and how that gift has affected them? 2) How do they see God using you currently and in the future inside the body of Christ?

Ask God to show you how he wants to grow the gifting/calling He's given you. Commit to developing that gift for the purpose of empowering others.

Ask God to highlight any areas in your personal character that could undermine your gifting/calling. Spend time processing with God and ask for grace to not only grow in your gifting, but also in character.

## **Developing Your Kingdom Calling**

How does your Kingdom Calling contribute to the call of the church?

How does the church both support and launch you into your Kingdom Calling?

Are there place God is inviting you to serve in the church?

## Session 9: What's Holding Me Back?

In this session we'll review some issues that can make discovering your Kingdom Calling difficult and how you can partner with God for clarity.

#### What's holding me back?

Have you ever felt stuck? Have you been frustrated by a pattern of thoughts, emotions, or behavior and strived to find victory? This week you can exchange hopelessness for hope and trade the feeling of despair for a victorious life that is fully alive in Christ!

We have learned over the past few weeks that you are created on purpose for a purpose! You have discovered that you are called by God and given gifts that need to be shared with your sphere of influence. As you uncover your hidden treasure you may also uncover areas that hinder you from stepping into the fullness of our call. These obstacles are often found in a stronghold. A stronghold is a wrong way of thinking about yourself, God, or others that creates lies and defenses. When we are living in a stronghold we find ourselves striving from a place of unbelief and false self that perpetuates unhealthy cycles. We use our man-made weapons to find victory instead of using God's tools to tear down destructive patterns.

#### Questions

If in a group ask these questions of each other. Use the conversation as a building block for the personal assignment.

What stood out to you in today's video?

Can you think of a time in your life when you felt stuck?

How have you used your own 'man-made' tools to defend yourself?

#### Activation

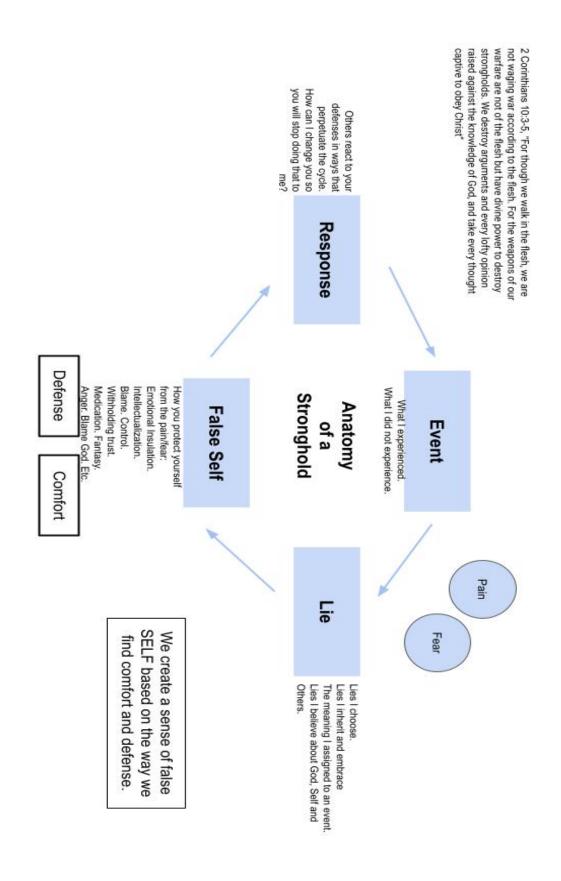
Take a moment and ask God if you have built a fortress or prison in attempts to keep yourself safe?

#### **Assignment**

This week take time to look over the Anatomy of a Stronghold diagram below. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any area in your life where you might be stuck from an event or trauma that has taken place. Ask the Holy Spirit if you are believing a lie that has been birthed from pain or fear? Do you have any unhealthy coping mechanisms that you use to defend yourself or find comfort?

Let the Holy Spirit reveal where He wants to bring truth and revelation that will set you free! Jesus has paid the price for all of our sins and wrong ways of thinking. His death is the bridge between hopelessness and a life of victory! Your pain, fear, unbelief, or defense is covered by the blood of Jesus. Take a few minutes and picture in your mind what is keeping you stuck. Imagine laying that lie and/or defense at the foot of the cross. Say this simple prayer, "Jesus I repent. I give you my self made attempts and I thank you for what you have already done for me. I receive the victory that is mine and I ask you to reveal your truth."

"Freedom is the ability to act and react in life as the man or woman you were created to be" Bob Hamp



## Session 10: Let's GO!

In our final session we explore what it looks like to step into our Kingdom Calling now.

## **Questions**

What stood out to you from today's video?

What has God given your vision for?

What is your Kingdom Calling & full Kingdom Calling Statement?

What steps can you take to grow in your stewardship of all that God has entrusted to you and is preparing for you?

What does it look like to live out what God has called you to in this season of life? What's your next step?

Who is God calling you to run with and be accountable to in your Kingdom Calling?