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Gospel Coach, Shepherding Leaders to Glorify God

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READ Chapter 11: A Gospel Coaching Conversation

- Most people do not know who God has called them to be, so they struggle to know what God has called them to do. As a result they spend their lives doing what is right in front of them. Their lives are preoccupied by what is most urgent or about what others tell them to do, and they fail to accomplish what God has called them to do.
- A practical tool that church leaders can help their disciples create a “Gospel Life Plan” in order to:

1. Understand how God has called them
2. Identifying what God has called them to do
3. Deciding what specific steps can be taken to accomplish those goals
4. Stewarding the resources, time and energy that are being used to meet the goals.

Helping to Identify a Disciples Calling

- Every believer has gifts, a general calling and some may have more specific callings at different times in their lifetime. (1 Corinthians 12:12-30, Ephesians 2:10, 1 Peter 4:10-11, Matt 28:18-20)
 - Callings should be confirmed and supported by the local church and it's leaders (Acts 9:26-31, Acts 8, Acts 11:19:26)
 - Three questions that can help discern a call on the lives of those we disciple.
1. What is the passion that God has placed on my heart?

2. What credible friends are urging me to follow this calling?
3. What opportunities do I have to follow this passion or pursue my calling?

Goals

- Goals help a disciple find some clarity by prioritizing the goals that are truly needed to follow God's calling.
- Goals can be **big** but must be accompanied by **small** action steps.
- Action steps must connect directly to the mission of the goal.
- Writing down goals and action steps will help disciples to identify **what to concentrate on** and **what NOT to concentrate on**.
- Goals should be revisited monthly, quarterly, annually to understand progress.

Questions to Consider:

1. Are you aware of your own personal giftings or callings? How about those of your sheep?
2. Why is it important to help them identify their giftings, passions and callings in this season?
3. Do you feel equipped with the resources to help them with this? If not, who can you go to?