

EVERYONE HAS A CALLING

March 4-10, 2020

Day One: Devotional

1. Pray for insight before you begin. This week we will be studying the truth that *everyone has a calling*. Pray that God would help you to understand that truth and learn ways you can apply it. Pray that as you read and study that He would open your heart to what He wants to speak to you.
2. Read 1 Corinthians 12. As you read, meditate upon the passage, asking the following questions (SPACEPETS)—Does this passage show me a...

Sin to confess?

Promise to claim?

Attitude to change?

Command to obey?

Example to follow?

Prayer to pray?

Error to avoid?

Truth to believe?

Something to praise God for?

3. Write out an application. Write out a personal, practical, possible, and provable application to this passage. How will you live it out?

Day Two: Observations & Color Code

Isaiah 61

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,

²to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,

to comfort all who mourn,

³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,

the oil of joy

instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise

instead of a spirit of despair.

They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the Lord
for the display of his splendor.

⁴They will rebuild the ancient ruins
and restore the places long devastated;

they will renew the ruined cities
that have been devastated for generations.

⁵Strangers will shepherd your flocks;
foreigners will work your fields and vineyards.

⁶And you will be called priests of the Lord,
you will be named ministers of our God.

You will feed on the wealth of nations,
and in their riches you will boast.

⁷Instead of your shame
you will receive a double portion,

and instead of disgrace

you will rejoice in your inheritance.
And so you will inherit a double portion in your land,
and everlasting joy will be yours.

⁸“For I, the Lord, love justice;

I hate robbery and wrongdoing.

In my faithfulness I will reward my people
and make an everlasting covenant with them.

⁹Their descendants will be known among the nations
and their offspring among the peoples.

All who see them will acknowledge
that they are a people the Lord has blessed.”

¹⁰I delight greatly in the Lord;
my soul rejoices in my God.

For he has clothed me with garments of salvation
and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness,
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the soil makes the sprout come up
and a garden causes seeds to grow,
so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness
and praise spring up before all nations.

Observations:

Day Three: Method: Chapter Analysis

1. Read through Isaiah 61 several times (at least 3). Read it without stopping. Don't be concerned with the details but instead with the overall theme. Read it aloud.
2. Consult other versions: Read through the chapter again in at least two other translations of the Bible. Make notes on interesting differences you find.
3. Title it: Give the chapter a short but descriptive title. Make it something you can remember, maybe even just one word.
4. Outline the passage. List out the major points of the chapter.

5. List out the most important people in the chapter. Ask who the main people are in the passage and why are they included. What is significant about them?

6. Pick a verse: What verse summarizes the whole chapter? What verse speaks to you personally? Write it out here:

Day Four: Chapter Analysis Continued

7. Key words: Write down the key or repeated words in the chapter.

8. Challenges: Do you have any difficulty with this passage? Are there any questions you would like to study further? Is there a word you would like to understand better?

9. Cross References: For this part, you will need a good study Bible. Look up any verses that are referenced in your Bible. Do any of them help you understand this chapter better?

10. How do you see Christ in this passage? What do we learn about Him?

11. Central Lessons: What are the lessons or principles learned from this passage?

Day Five: Application

1. Looking back on the central lessons learned from this chapter, how can you apply it to your life? What is a life lesson you can learn from this chapter?

2. Focusing especially on the truth that *everyone has a calling*, how does this passage in particular teach this truth?