

HOW TO

FULFILL YOUR CALLING

*Powerful 12-part video series with David Steele
for individuals and small groups*



LEADERS' GUIDE



“ NEVER LIMIT THE PLAN OF GOD FOR YOUR LIFE TO WHAT YOU CAN ACHIEVE IN YOUR NATURAL ABILITY ”

Dear small group leader,

I'm delighted that you've discovered this video series and are considering sharing it with your small group. You and I have been called by Jesus to make disciples of all nations, teaching them to obey everything that He has commanded (Matt 28:19-20). This is the thing that will make the greatest difference in this world.

As you gather people to watch these 12 videos, you are not only fulfilling that calling but you are creating an incredible opportunity for others to be Equipped, Encouraged and Inspired to fulfill the unique call God has on their lives and to bear the fruit that He has called them to bear.

*You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that
you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last - John 15:16*

Be blessed as you embark on this life changing adventure!

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EPISODE 1

Empowered by the Holy Spirit



1. What do you think about the pattern God uses when He wants to achieve something on the earth?
2. Have you experienced God enabling you to do things that you could not do in your natural ability?
3. Do you think that God has a specific calling on every person's life? Can you think of any Bible verses that would confirm this?
4. As you watched the video, were you convicted that you may have been living your life in your natural ability? Do you think God might want to do much more through you?

SCRIPTURE - LUKE 24:49

"I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

ACTION POINT

Spend some time in prayer and release to God any plans you've made for your life that may not have been from Him. Say sorry for limiting Him to your way of thinking and ask Him to give you His vision for your life. Trust that He will empower you to do whatever He is calling you to.

EPISODE 2

Operating Like Jesus



1. What do you think it means to “operate like Jesus” on a daily basis?
2. Do you remember a time when you were filled with the Holy Spirit? What was your experience and why do you think it was the baptism of the Holy Spirit?
3. Do you think the baptism of the Holy Spirit is a promise for all Christians, or just a special few?
4. Before watching this video, did you realise that Acts chapter 8 mentions a group of people who had believed in Jesus and been baptised in water but did not receive the Holy Spirit until Peter and John placed their hands on them?
5. What difference does the Holy Spirit make in a person’s life? Can you think of any scriptures that speak about the Holy Spirit’s role in our lives?

SCRIPTURE - ACTS 4:31

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

ACTION POINT

Make it a habit to wake up every morning and ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit. Remind yourself daily that you can do nothing without Him, but that He is willing to empower you every day to live beyond your natural ability.

EPISODE 3

Salvation Must Be Genuine



1. What most impacted you about Episode 3?
2. Are there parts of the gospel message that you understand more clearly after this teaching?
3. Did you pray the prayer with David at the end? Did you sense the presence of the Holy Spirit? What happened and what did you feel God was saying to you?
4. Could you explain the true gospel to a non-believer? Which parts might you find difficult to say? How do you think they might react?
5. Do you think there are people that you know who believe they are Christians but may have never accepted the true gospel?

SCRIPTURE - ACTS 4:11-12

This Jesus is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.' Salvation exists in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

ACTION POINT

Make a list of people in your life that do not know Jesus. Commit to pray regularly for their salvation and ask God to help you to share the gospel with them if and when He leads you to do so.

EPISODE 4

The Gifts, The Service and The Work



1. What are the three parts of the framework God uses to enable us to fulfill our calling and where does that appear in the Bible?
2. What are the differences between those three things?
3. Have you recognised any spiritual gifts in yourself or others that you know?
4. Do you have a sense of what your personal calling might be, and does that help you to make decisions about how to spend your time?
5. Have you ever experienced God opening a door for you?

SCRIPTURE - 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

ACTION POINT

Ask God to reveal more to you about what He has called you to do. Ask Him to give you the gifts you will need and to help you recognise when He is opening a door for effective service, just like the Apostle Paul recognised in 1 Corinthians 16:8-9. Look for opportunities to use the gifts you already have in your daily life.

EPISODE 5

God's Call On All Believers



In Episode 5, David spoke about 7 things that make up God's general calling on all believers. As you go through this list as a group, comment on which ones most stood out to you and why.

1. To know Him - have an intimate, living relationship with God
2. To love the Lord your God with all your heart and to love others as yourself
3. To fulfill the Great Commission
4. To be sanctified
5. To suffer for doing good
6. To be at peace with the rest of the body of Christ
7. To give thanks in all circumstances

EPISODE 5

Extra Questions



1. Do you think there are times in your life when you have neglected to nurture your intimate relationship with God? What can you do to change that?
2. Do you find yourself giving thanks in all circumstances, or are you prone to complaining? What can you do to remind yourself to be thankful?
3. Can you think of an area of your life that God has been sanctifying in the last few weeks? What do you feel He is asking you to change and have you experienced any progress?
4. Do you find it easy to live at peace with other Christians? Do you get easily offended, or are you quick to forgive?

SCRIPTURE - JAMES 4:8

Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

ACTION POINT

Make it a daily habit to spend time with God in prayer and in His Word. Ask Him questions, listen to His voice and remember that your primary calling is to have intimacy with Him. Let Him teach you, encourage you, strengthen you, convict you of sin, and develop the character of Christ in you as you commune with Him.

EPISODE 6

Knowing Your Personal Calling



1. Have you ever heard the voice of God? If your answer is yes: What did He say? How do you know it was Him? Did you write it down? Did you act on it?
2. Do you often find yourself 'inquiring of the Lord' before making decisions, or are you in the habit of making decisions based on your own logic and judgement?
3. Do you ever feel that God is asking you to do things that are too difficult for you? What do you think is the best way to handle this?
4. When God asks you to do something that doesn't make sense to you, do you find it easy to trust Him? What would you say to someone who feels God has spoken to them, but hasn't yet done what He's told them to do because they are struggling to trust Him?

SCRIPTURE - PSALM 119:105

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

ACTION POINT

Take some time to listen to the Lord. Ask Him to speak to you regarding your calling or something He wants you to do in the near future. If you have an important decision to make, ask Him to speak to you through His Spirit and His Word and commit yourself to seeking wise counsel from at least two people during the next 5 days. Ask God to give you the strength you need to walk in obedience to whatever He is clearly showing you.

EPISODE 7

Operating in the Power of the Spirit



1. What most impacted you about what David said about the gifts of the Spirit? For what purposes are the gifts of the Spirit given?
2. If a person realises that his/her gifts are not their own, but that they are stewarding them, how do you think that will affect the way they use their gifts?
3. What gifts do you recognise are already in operation in your life?
4. Have you made the most of the opportunities God has given you in the past? Do you need to say sorry to Him for that and commit yourself to wholeheartedly using your gifts?
5. What's the difference between being self-confident and being confident in God?
6. What could you do to grow in the gifts God has given you and to fan them into flame?
7. Are you convicted that there are areas of your character that need to change so that you will be able operate in the spiritual gifts in a way that honours and pleases Him? For example, do you need to deal with areas of pride and selfishness in your heart, or a desire to bring glory to yourself?

SCRIPTURE - 1 CORINTHIANS 14:1

Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.

ACTION POINT

Pray and ask God to show you the people in your life that He has called you to use your gifts to serve in this season. Ask Him to show you if there are gifts He's given you that you haven't discovered yet or areas where He wants you to step out in faith. Say sorry to God for the times you've despised or neglected to use your gifts and commit to joyfully using them. Eagerly desire the gifts of the Spirit and ask God to help you fan into flame the ones He has already given you.

EPISODE 8

What's Holding You Back?



1. What most impacted you about episode 8?

2. Can you identify any of the following things in your own life:

Failure – feeling like you've failed God

Pride – trusting or putting confidence in your own ability

Fear – fear that stops you doing the things God wants you to do

Idolatry – things that have a tendency to become more important to you than God

Unresolved issues – addictions, depression, rejection, betrayal, wounds from the past

Do you think it's always possible to see these things in our own lives, or can others sometimes identify them in us more easily than we can?

3. Have you ever experienced God setting you free from a fear? Can you think of any fears that you still have? Could there be some lies that you still believe that are holding you back?

4. Are there areas where you need to be healed, delivered or set free? Have you had your focus mostly on:

a. Your need for healing/freedom

b. Where you think you need to be

c. Jesus, the healer and deliverer

EPISODE 8

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5. What can you do on a daily basis that will help you to focus on Jesus and simply LISTEN and OBEY?
6. Is there an area of your life that you feel God has been convicting you about that needs to change? Are you responding correctly to Him and allowing Him to sanctify you?

David mentioned three things we can do – confess, repent and forgive

7. Ask God to soften your heart this week as you prepare yourself for episode 9 and consider this quote from Ep8: “God loves us just as we are but He loves us too much to leave us as we are”.

SCRIPTURE - PSALM 34:4-5

I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

ACTION POINT

If you have been convicted in this episode, go before the Lord and say sorry for the things you've allowed to hold you back. Ask Him to reveal to you any deeper roots (for example past wounds or lies that you believe) that might still be affecting you today. Confess, repent and forgive as the Holy Spirit leads you and put your faith in Jesus - not only as your Savior but also as your healer and deliverer. Pray that God will soften and prepare your heart for episode nine.

EPISODE 9

Freedom Through Forgiveness



- 1. What did you learn that was new about the transaction of forgiveness?**
- 2. Did God remind you of anybody you need to forgive while you watched?**
- 3. Did you have a sense that God was bringing release or healing as you prayed with David at the end? Is this a process that you need to spend some time on privately?**
- 4. How will you approach forgiveness differently now you've received this teaching?**
- 5. Do you think forgiveness might be a key that could bring more healing and freedom in your life in areas that you had perhaps lost hope that you would ever be free?**
- 6. Have you ever lived with guilt and shame as a christian? What has helped you in times like this?**
- 7. What do you think the Bible means when it says "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." - Romans 8:1**
- 8. Has anything happened in your life that may have resulted in you trusting in God less than you did before, or something that you now realise you have been blaming Him for?**
- 9. Do you ever struggle to forgive yourself? Do you sometimes set a higher standard for yourself than even God does?**

EPISODE 9

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SCRIPTURE - COLOSSIANS 3:13

*Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone.
Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

ACTION POINT

Make a list of the people you need to forgive and take your time to work through this list with God. Ask Him to soften your heart and to remind you of how much He has forgiven you. Be real and express to Him the pain that you experienced to Him (let the emotions come out – it is normal to cry or feel frustrated/angry when you think about what happened to you). Release those people one by one from your judgement until you are able to freely bless them and really mean it from your heart. Ask God to help you do this and don't be in a rush.

EPISODE 10

Grace – The Key to Breakthrough



1. What most impacted you about episode 10?
2. How would you have described the word “grace” before this teaching and how would you describe it now?
3. Were there any aspects of God’s grace that were new to you?
4. How do you think this understanding of grace will help you on a daily basis?
5. Read Titus 2:11-15. Verse 15 says we should teach this to others. Is there someone in your life that would be blessed this week if you were to share with them how grace not only saves us but also teaches and empowers us to say “no” to ungodliness?

SCRIPTURE - 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

*But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”
Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may
rest on me.*

ACTION POINT

Make a habit of asking God for grace in those moments when you feel tempted or you face a situation that feels beyond your natural ability to overcome. Come before God with humility and faith and step forward with confidence that He will slay that giant through you.

EPISODE 11

Persevering Through Trials



1. How does a person's faith get purified?
2. In one sentence, what do you think is the purpose of trials?
3. What do you think it means to keep a "right attitude" when going through trials?
4. Do you think it's possible for a person to fulfill God's calling on their life without ever having to go through trials?
5. Are there any behaviours or character traits in you that rise to the surface when you face trials? If those things were removed from your life, do you think you would be able to better reflect the character of Jesus to the people around you?
6. What is the reward that God gives to the believer who perseveres through trials? (Answer is in James 1:12)
7. Are there any circumstances in your life that you keep asking God to take away? Will you have a different perspective on those circumstances after watching this teaching?
8. Can you think of ways to help yourself (and others) focus on the eternal significance of trials, rather than on the practical difficulties you (or they) are facing?

SCRIPTURE - James 1:4

Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

ACTION POINT

Say sorry to God for the times you have complained about your circumstances, rather than recognising that it was an opportunity to become more like Jesus. Ask God to teach you what it means to persevere and to enable you to "let perseverance finish its work". Remember, the season you are in has a purpose, and every season is preparation for the next. If you persevere in this season, you will be ready for the next thing God has for you.

EPISODE 12

Fully Equipped For Service In God's Kingdom

1. What are the three basic things we need in our lives to be fully equipped for service in God's Kingdom?
2. David said that most people in this world seek to be **HAPPY, PRODUCTIVE** and **SUCCESSFUL**. Do you think this is true? What is the difference between this approach to life and God's will for us which is to be **JOYFUL, FAITHFUL** and **FRUITFUL**?
3. Have you ever fallen into the trap of comparing yourself with others? What was the fruit of that?
4. Do you sometimes feel the need to defend yourself? What do you think would happen if you allowed God to defend you and you simply focus on following Him?
5. How will your life be different after watching this series? Will you seek to be led by the Spirit in all of your decisions?

SCRIPTURE - EPHESIANS 3:20

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

ACTION POINT

God has chosen you, called you and empowered you. As you step forward into the plans and purposes He has for you, He will guide you, protect you and provide for you. Don't shrink back. Don't allow the lies of the enemy or the riches and cares of this life to deter you from what He has called you to do. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus and trust Him with all of your heart. Listen and obey. Take risks. Be faithful with what you have. If you do, you will one day hear the words, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' (Matthew 25:23).



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WHILE EQUIPPING, ENCOURAGING AND INSPIRING OTHERS TO DO THE SAME.**

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