

Series: Everyone Gets to Play	Reference: Ephesians 4:11-13 & other passages	Title: Who Does Jesus Call?	Date: 09.09.18
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Community Group Questions

It's your first group meeting! Get to know each other...

1. Share your name & pertinent details (family, work, hobbies/interests, etc) around the room, including 3 things on your bucket list.

Read through *Ephesians 4:11-13*

1. Can you identify certain people in your life who seem to personify these ministries in whole or in part? (You can read the very basic definitions of them on p1 & 2 of the sermon.) How have they encouraged, challenged, and informed your faith?
2. Why is it so much easier to focus on, or utilize the Pastoral & Teaching Ministries rather than the Prophetic, Evangelistic & Apostolic Ministries? Why are we more comfortable with the first two? What fears are involved with these other three?
3. What are the ultimate goals of these ministries? Into what do they lead the Church?
4. How are these gifts/ministries passed on - or you may use the words: *Caught, or Learned?*
5. How did Jesus exemplify these ministries?
6. If we claim Jesus is 'Training Disciples', are you fully available to him in that process?

Take the time to read through *Matt. 25:31-45, Luke 7:21-23, Acts 10:36-38 & also Matthew 28:16-20*

1. What excites or scares you about these passages?
2. If *'Extravagant action follows extravagant faith'* then where does our care for & actions towards others who are in need originate from?
3. From these passages can we define our calling & purpose? What authority do we work under? How does *Jesus' Presence* accompany, sustain & empower us?
4. How does the Extravagant Faith of a true Christ Follower compare to someone who isn't operating out of love & gratitude towards Christ, but only out of religious moralism? What are the differences in & how does their ministry affect others? (Meaning, a comparison between the truly convicted loving Jesus Follower VS. the Moralistic Religious Legalist, or we might say, those trying to 'gain their righteousness by what they do'.)
5. We said in the sermon that, *"Orthodoxy (right belief) gets sacrificed at the altar of 'doing good' (in our culture). But to have right practice you must have right belief. If there's no right belief, there's no standard of right practice which is where the current worldview is taking our culture & the Christian subculture along with it at times. The modern spiritual narrative is - 'there may be a God, but he's only there to help us when needed. He doesn't define morality, we do. Whatever makes me feel good or happy is the right path.' In our current secular worldview, personal feelings are the barometer of 'doing good'. If that's the only barometer, although well intentioned, we'll do a world of damage & not even know it."*
 1. Why is it so important that Right Belief (Orthodoxy) inform & drive Right Practice (Orthopraxy)? What damage is being done in our society under the banner of 'doing good' without owning right belief of the Christian Ethic?
6. Do we see a natural connection between faith & lifestyle, choices & what we involve ourselves with? How is this lifestyle different compared to the message of the world? How is one self-centered, as compared to the other being sacrificial?