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- I. All Believers, not just pastors and missionaries, are “called.” Eph. 4:1**
 - A. There are 2 parts to a believer’s calling.
 - 1. Come, follow me.
 - 2. Calling is from the Latin word *vocare* where we get the word “vocation.” We also have vocational callings. “Vocare” means “to hear from within.”
 - B. As a believer, I am urged to use my vocational calling for God’s purposes, not just to make a living. Rom. 8:28
- II. All Believers are also “gifted.” Eph. 4:7-8**
 - A. Before the world began, Jesus himself designed you, giving you the gifts you would need to fulfill your vocational calling.
 - B. These gifts are much broader than just spiritual gifts. They include talents, interests, skills and aptitudes. Ex. 31:1-6
- III. The role of the pastor / teacher is to equip the saints for ministry. Eph. 4:11-12**
 - A. Many believers think pastors get paid to do “church work.”
 - B. The work “equip” means to realign a dislocated limb.
 - C. Grace Church can’t become mature and united until each one of us is involved, doing what God designed us to do. Eph. 4:13-16

Growth Group Discussion Questions

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1. How can believers take their vocations from (1) survival to (2) meaning to (3) mission? Do you know anyone who has made this transition?
2. Isn't it crazy to assume that God calls people to be Christian taxi drivers, housewives or attorneys? What would I have to change to represent God at my place of work or study?
3. Many believers have no feelings of fulfillment when it comes to their vocation. Work is just something they have to put up with. What is your vocational purpose in life? What are you "called" to be and to do?

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4. What gifts has Jesus given you in order to fulfill your vocational purpose in life? Do you resent Jesus for not giving you other gifts that you desire? Or do you cooperate with His design by developing your gifts thoroughly and making them available to His Body?
5. What ministry here at Grace Church can best use the gifts that God has entrusted to me? What new ministry would I start if I could? Could I also use my giftedness to reach out to people in other cultures? What steps would I need to take in order to investigate whether God could use me as a vocational missionary?