

Our Calling

with Pastor Jonathan Schroeder

Introduction

“I want my life to matter.” Everyone hopes to find their purpose in life, the certainty that comes from knowing that your life and your actions have meaning. We don’t want a job or task list; we want a calling. Join us to explore “Our Calling,” and see what God intends for your life. When God speaks, he opens his mouth wide—that means that when God talks, nothing is the same afterward. This Bible study will discuss what it means that God opened his mouth wide and called *you*.

We’ll look at three callings that God has for each us:

- Our calling to be the children of God
- Our calling to be the mask of God
- Our calling to the Church of God

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Session 1: Our calling to be the children of God

God created Man and Woman to be holy and righteous, but it didn’t take long for them to fall. Though they were made in the image of God, they lost it all when they worshipped themselves and ate the fruit. Adam’s children have never changed: we wander away from God and are rightly only children of wrath. But then God opens his mouth wide and calls us back to him. What does God intend to give us? God is inviting us to be all that he has planned for us to be as his children. God’s call is the promise that invites us to be his children again—children that are just like his Son.

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Session 2: Our calling to be the mask of God

As children of God we also have a calling in the world. But it is far more than our occupation. Our calling is to live as God’s children *in the world where he placed us*. God’s calling always has a purpose—and his purpose in our calling is simple: he wants to wear us as a mask. Come and explore this distinctly Lutheran teaching of vocation and learn that God would use you and even the smallest things you do to care for his world.

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Session 3: Our calling to be the Church of God

God called us from eternity to be his children. God calls us in time to live as his children in the roles and stations where he placed us in the world. But we have another calling, too. This calling again is one of pure grace; and again, it is a calling to fulfill the purpose God has for us. He calls us to be his Church—that is our calling *for* the world. Join us to marvel at one of the incomprehensible aspects of God’s salvation plan: from the very beginning he planned to let his people participate in it. We have a purpose in God’s plan; that is our calling—to be the Church of God.