

## Small Group/Sermon Notes based on Tasked 1

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- Make sure everyone knows each other's names. Have everyone share a little about themselves and how life is going right now.
- Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to follow Christ!
  - Did you know you are on a mission from God?
- Two ways of thinking:
  - No cosmic plan. Stuff happens, doesn't mean anything.
    - Each person can look around and figure out for themselves what they want to do.
    - This is not a Christian way of thinking.
  - Yes cosmic plan! God has a plan. History has a purpose. You are part of it!
    - Each person can discover their calling inside of God's overall plan.
    - This is a very important part of Christian thinking.
- Key verse: **John 15:16.**
  - "You did not choose me."
    - We can respond in various ways to being called...(talk on that later)
  - "And appointed you." So, Jesus chose and tasked the disciples.
    - Is that true for you and me too?
- An important parable: **Matthew 22:1-14.**
  - The King is repeatedly dismissed. Then the servants are mistreated.
  - **Matthew 22:9** is very important. This leaves room for you and me!
    - **Matthew 22:10** drives that point home!!!
  - What is the deal about the wedding clothes?
    - Good and bad are invited. The bad are not chosen however.
    - You must clothe yourself with Christ. Everything you need is available to you for that.  
**Galatians 3:26-29.**
  - **Matthew 22:14** is interesting.
    - Many are invited or called few are chosen or elect.
      - How do you go from invited to chosen?
- Let's look at three types of responses to the call of God:
  - Moses: I think you've got the wrong guy!
    - **Exodus 3:1-11, 4:1, 4:10-14.**
    - God was very patient but He finally got sick of it!
  - Jonah: Forget it.
    - **Jonah 1:1-3.**
    - Don't be like that. It did not work out well for Jonah.
  - Noah: I'm in.
    - **Genesis 6:22.**
    - That's what we are going for.
- God has a plan. You are called to be part of it.
  - Don't run from God. That turns out bad.
  - Trust that God can make you who you need to be.
    - God equips the chosen. It isn't done on your strength anyway!
  - Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to follow Christ.
    - You in?
    - If you haven't accepted your call yet, now is your time!
- Pray for each other before you finish up!