

Genesis 1:26-28; 2:5-8, 15

Message – Created to Contribute

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Common Misunderstanding

- Vocation
- Calling

- Common Understanding
 - _____ is secular and refers to our job.
 - Calling is spiritual and is _____ for God’s special call to direct people toward full-time ministry jobs.

Vocation and Calling

- The Bible _____ distinguish between vocation and calling.

- *Qahal* (Hebrew) – *Ekklesia* (Greek) – *Church* (English)

- _____ follower of Jesus has a calling.

Calling – General and Particular

- 1 Timothy 2:3-6

- The general call of God is to _____ and _____ Jesus.

- Ephesians 4:1

- “Our primary calling as followers of Christ is by him, to him and for him. First and foremost, we are called to Someone, not to something or somewhere” (Os Guinness, The Call, p.31).

- The particular call of God is about the way God calls people to _____ roles or tasks or places of responsibility, either within the church or the larger community.

- “Faith _____ in love through one’s callings”

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- Genesis 1:26-28
- It took _____ for God to create all that is.
- Genesis 2:2
- Genesis 2:15
 1. Work came before the fall.
 2. Work is not something we choose for ourselves but something to which God calls us.
 3. Work and worship are closely connected.

- “All vocations are intended by God to manifest His love in the world.” – Thomas Merton

- You can, and are called to, _____ God and others through whatever you do.

How will you respond to God’s word today?

Reflection Questions

1. Where might we find you on a Monday at 10 am?
2. Do you see what you do on Monday as a calling?
3. How might viewing your work as a calling transform the way you do your work?
4. What are some ways you currently connect faith and work?
5. What captured your attention in the scripture or message?
6. What might God be saying to you?
7. What are you going to do about it?