Growth Group Discussion Questions For Our Growth Group- On Line Meetings "Why Am I Here?"- Part 5 "...To Get The Low Down on God's Will, Career & Calling" Week of October 4th, 2020

Summary- Why are you here? Another reason is to get re-acquainted with how we can know God's will and understand how important it is to get a grip on your calling from God for your life! We know what career is all about, but can you be an all-in Christian and still have a job and family? Yes you can! Most callings have to do with balancing career and calling and serving others. So, let's dig into what that means for us right now!!

1. What was most memorable to you from the Sunday message on getting The Low Down on God's Will, Career & Calling?

2. Finding God's will for every believer is a daily, as well a moment by moment experience. God's word is our best source to discover what God wants for you in any circumstance. Find God's Will for the following issues:

- Should I be generous & give to God? 1Cor.9:6-7
- What did I do about holding a grudge? Matt.6:14-15
- Should I forgive those who have hurt me or my family? Matt.18:21-22
- Should I work to overthrow the government? Rom.13:1-4
- Should I pay my taxes? Rom.13:6-7; Matt.22:17-21
- Should I read the Bible Regularly? 1 Pet.2:2; Josh. 1:8
- What other questions do you have about God's Will?

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3. Let's talk about your calling from God. Jesus called His disciples (followers) to be fishers of men, and Jesus is calling you to use your career and lifestyle to be ______ (fill in the blank with your career or lifestyle) of men or women. Discuss the following about determining your calling from God:

- a. Who I am... how has God made you? What are you like? (Hint: how are you with people, processes, things- your preferences)
- b. What do you have...your interests and gifts He put in you? (Hint: what do you do well, what are you passionate about? Are you adventurous or more protective... careful or a risk taker, etc.)
- c. Where are you... what is your unique circle of influence? (Hint: your circle of friends, co-workers, backgrounds, hobbies, interests that you share with others you could connect with over these interests)

4. Read Matt.5:13-16

""You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. 14 "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. 15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."

Q: Discuss how staying "salty for Jesus" can help you stay excited about your calling from God?

Q: Discuss how a Christian can lose their "saltiness"? (Hint: saltiness is your passion for living for Jesus publically and privately)

Q. Discuss how you can let your light shine for Jesus in the midst of this COVID virus time?

Q: What can keep Christians "hiding their light" in today's political and cultural environment?