
GOD & VOCATION BIBLE STUDY

PURPOSE

Remember that we are meeting together to discover and discuss any connections we see between spirituality and vocation. Although our study will flow from a Christian worldview, we welcome perspectives from other faith and non-faith traditions. What we do with our bodies and our lives, our *vocation*, matters deeply. We will explore how our vocation can be a participation in God's work of renewing all things and how vocation is related to the career we are pursuing.

GATHERING (OPTIONAL)

- Which next step did you try after our last study? How did it go?
- What did you learn about yourself, humanity, or God?

VIDEO INTRODUCTION (5 MINUTES)

How can Christians make a difference in the world? Is it just about getting other people to become Christians? Or pushing certain political agendas? Gaining and using power?

This video series explores how Christians can truly make a difference in the world.

First, we refuse to accept that healthcare must be impersonal and not for everyone. We refuse to accept that schools must fail our poorest children. We refuse to accept that businesses are only accountable to profits and shareholders. We can imagine how things could be different.

Second, we focus on changing systems and structures. Institutions can be large and may seem impenetrable, which makes us feel paralyzed. But cultures only change when systems change.

And third, we build intentional, strategic networks among those who can bring about change. Research shows that what brings the greatest transformation is not individual heroes but vision-driven networks.

This video series shows us how that can be done. We profile people and communities who are literally changing their part of the world. You'll meet Christians who believe the vision of Jeremiah 29:7—when God tells his people to “seek the welfare of the city” where they are held captive—and who are doing exactly that in medicine, business, education, technology, and other career fields. They refuse to accept the status quo. They seek to change the system. And they create new networks to take collective action.

We call this approach to culture change “[faithful presence](#),” and this set of videos is all about what that can look like.

You may not agree with everything that is said in the videos. They are unscripted, raw conversations. But we hope they spark dialogue among leaders, mentors, parents, and teens who want to discuss what it means to live faithfully in a broken world.

Change is possible. These videos show us how.

VIDEO DISCUSSION (40 MINUTES)

Let's [watch](#) and discuss three videos about God and vocation.

VIDEO 1

Discuss (3 minutes): What does God have to do with your field of work or study?

Watch (5 minutes): Please select the field that is closest to your own.

Discuss (5 minutes): What do you appreciate about this video content?
What makes you wonder? What do you disagree with?

VIDEO 2

Discuss (3 minutes): How might your field of work or study fuel inequity?

Watch (5 minutes): Please select the field that is closest to your own.

Discuss (5 minutes): What do you appreciate about this video content?
What makes you wonder? What do you disagree with?

VIDEO 3

Discuss (3 minutes): What's good and what's hard about your field of work or study?

Watch (5 minutes): Please select the field that is closest to your own.

Discuss (5 minutes): What do you appreciate about this video content?
What makes you wonder? What do you disagree with?

(Check out videos from a partner organization [here!](#))

Conclusion: What is one thing you want to remember from our conversation today?