

LEAN IN

SOMEWHERE TO START

Lean In

Small Group Material

Participant Guide

Part 4 - "Finding Your Thing"

November 20th, 2016

Bottom Line: As you do "your thing," the church does "the thing."

Study Verses: Ephesians 2:8-10, 2 Corinthians 5:14-20, Proverbs 16:1-3, Colossians 3:12-17

Key Points

- *The way you find "your thing" is by first doing "a thing."*
- *Don't mistake trivia with depth.*
- *If the love of Christ doesn't compel us, something else will.*
- *God is reconciling the world to Himself and He is using us to do it.*
- *Our life should be an expression - not a power grab.*
- *The challenge is to take our attention off ourselves and fix our eyes on the needs of others.*

ENCOUNTER

- If the love of Christ doesn't compel us, something else will. What fuels people to serve and help others? For those who don't know Christ, how can their heart for service reveal to them about being hard wired for God?
- How much stress and angst do you feel (or have felt) about finding "your thing"? Where does this pressure come from?

- Don't mistake trivia with depth. How is the depth we crave in our relationship with God found in stepping into opportunities to serve others?

FORMATION

- Read Ephesians 2:8-10. What does it mean to be "God's handiwork"? How should understanding our identity in Christ influence our tendency to boast in our work, accomplishments and impact?
- Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-20 (The Message). God has given us the task of telling everyone what He is doing. How do you define reconciliation? How does the work we do accomplish the task of reconciling the world to God?
- Read Proverbs 16:1-3. Why is it important to test our motives for "leaning in" and serving others? What are some indicators that one's motives are off base and not rooted in the right heart set?
- Read Colossians 3:12-17. Whatever you do, do it all in the name of Jesus. How does this statement take the pressure off of finding "your thing" and allow you to be curious, lean in and start somewhere?

EXPRESSION

- How has your view of the importance of your contribution to the overall impact of our community changed over the course of this series?
- Where have you grown curious and decided to "lean in" to the issues you see all around you?
- Have you found "your thing"? How has your life begun to serve as an expression of Christ's love?