SERMON SERIES: 52 SPEAKER: Scott Beckenhauer DATE: February 26, 2023

Sermon Title:

"How Do I Recognize God's Call On My Life?"

Introduction

We've been asking the question these past two weeks, "did Jesus have a life purpose?" Jesus did have a purpose on earth, and he made God's love known through his life. We get to ask the question this week, "how do I recognize God's call on my life?" Many of us have asked what our life purpose is, and our hope is that this week we can gain a better understanding of what God wants for us.

• If you were to give your younger self a piece of advice, what would it be?

Seek the Word

- 1 Samuel 3 describes God's call on Samuel's life. What are some themes you can point out in this story?
- Read 2 Corinthians 5:20 and 1 Peter 2:9-10, and 1 Peter 4:10-11. How do these passages help us define a "calling?"

Go Deeper

Take the spiritual gifts assessment on Calvary's website (<u>calvary.ch/gifts</u>). Read through your results and determine a next step in your faith journey, based on what your results are.

• Read Luke 5:1-11. What are the steps taken by Peter in order to follow Jesus?

Talk About It

- When you think of a person who is called by God, what or who comes to mind?
- Share about a time when you think God was speaking to you. Do you think God ever calls and we don't hear Him or we refuse to respond? What would keep a person from hearing God's voice?
- What are some mechanisms God could use to speak to us (such as sermons, books, music, nature, children, etc.)?
- Go around the circle, and tell others what you see in them or how they could draw people to Jesus by leveraging their gifts, resources, and abilities.

Wrap Up

Reminder: Our calling is uncovered through obedience to Jesus.

Challenge: Write a mission statement for your life. How will you use what God has put in your hands to lead people to Jesus?