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- When I was younger my dad would be at work and he would call me and he would ask me to mow the yard. So I would go out and mow the back and then look at the front and make the call that the front didn't really need it.
 - o Typically, he knew it was going to rain the next several days or that night, or we would be gone
 - o Sometimes God calls us to do things and we don't think we need to or that it is not important, but God knows what's going to happen in the future. He sees and is lining things up to be successful for his plan. We have to trust and follow him.
- God Called Samuel
 - o 1 Samuel 16:1-3
 - o Samuel was scared
 - o God made a way
- God called David
 - o 1 Samuel 16:13
 - He was anointed
 - o 1 Samuel 19:11-16, 18-24
 - o David fled (was scared)
 - o God made a way
 - o God can use your calling to influence other people's calling
 - If Samuel did not follow God's calling David would not have been anointed
- God Calls you
 - o 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
 - o It does not matter if you think you are capable or what you think the outcome will be
 - o God does not call the qualified he qualifies the called.
- What are we called to?
 - o When you read this in context, he is talking about calling us to proclaim Christ.
- Now we are going to give you some opportunity to work through scripture yourself and ask a few questions
 - o What is God calling us to do?
 - o What does this look like in our daily lives?
 - o Can you think of an example that you have seen of this?
 - o What are 3 practical steps to getting there?
 - Try to do more than just pray and read the bible

- Acts 1:8- Witness
- 1 Cor 1:9 Called into fellowship
- 2 Tim 1:9 Called to live holy

- Mark 16:15 To proclaim the Gospel
- James 2:5 heirs to the kingdom
- Ephesians 4:4 Called to 1 hope
- 2 Thess 2:14 Called to a purpose
- 1 Peter 2:21 Called to follow in the steps of Christ
- 1 Peter 1:15-16 Called to holiness

Leaders- help them see that steps can be 1) inviting someone to life group, 2) being friends with someone, 3) making wise decisions.