OVERVIEW

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This three-part biblical series, taken from the All Callings website, examines what it means to surrender to God and live under the Lordship of Christ. The three studies are: Called to Bear Fruit, Called to Kingdom Living, and Called to be a Vigneron.
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Life is meant to be lived intentionally in light of God's Kingdom. God has created each person uniquely in such a way that every individual's contribution to the Kingdom is distinct and indispensable. The Five Things is a grid that helps us get on and stay on target so that we can live on purpose maximizing our contribution. What will your Kingdom legacy be?

**Kingdom Vision ::** Seeing how you fit into God's big picture which then influences your decisions and choices.

**Team ::** A group of 2 or more people with a purpose.

**Plan ::** Thoughtful steps or strategy to advance God's love through purposeful actions.

**Ongoing Equipping ::** Outside input on a continual basis.

**Coach ::** Someone to walk you through the process of launching and leading a team toward that God-given vision.

Within the book of Hebrews is a magnificent picture of the sufficiency of the sacrifice of Jesus our Savior. Chapter 10 of Hebrews is overflowing with the gospel message. This truth requires a response from us not only on the day of our salvation but throughout our faith journey. As the author of this book tells us in the beginning of chapter 2, we must pay closer attention to the message we have heard lest we drift away from Christ and what he's called us to.

**Let's take a closer look at Hebrews 10:23-25.** Here you will find the prescription for what our response should be as followers of Christ.

23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. 25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
5 things for kingdom living.

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Our entire life is to be lived in light of how we fit into the big picture.

...How do you fit into the big picture? How might God use your unique gifts and talents to best fulfill your call to pursue "love and good deeds"?

In verse 25 we are exhorted to not give up meeting together as some do. Here we clearly see the call to PLAN in place to accomplish the "love and good deeds".

The author also says to "consider" how to do these things.

'Considering' implies that we have to think about it; we have a PLAN in place to accomplish the "love and good deeds".

What happens when we have community without a purpose?

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...Therefore, who do you need to begin the planning process with? What will your very specific target? How will you measure success?

With the writer of Hebrews we need to constantly "encourage one another". Encouragement here espouses the idea of a mentor or coach speaking into our life.

One another up for the mission. When choosing to live missionally, we need to constantly encourage one another.

Your group currently be a part of a small group Bible study or a similar community? What does your group need to do in order to be able to fulfill God's call to mission?
In this parable we see just how much God values Kingdom work and the passion He has to involve His people. We may stand around the market-place because we think we don’t have what it takes, or because we don’t know how we fit into God’s plan for the vineyard. But scripture reveals that the Master is looking for people to serve faithfully until the end of the Day. He is constantly calling us to be a part of what He’s doing. There are five key elements that are helpful to think through as you begin to discern how God has shaped you to best contribute to His Kingdom. We have dubbed them the 5 things:
Matthew 20:1-7

1 "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a vineyard master who went out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard.

2 After agreeing with the workers on a wage of one denarius, he sent them off to his vineyard.

3 Then, as the morning was proceeding, he saw more men standing in the market square doing nothing.

4 And he said to them, 'You go to the vineyard too -- I'll pay you a fair wage.' So they went.

5 At noon, and again around three in the afternoon, he did the same thing. 

6 About an hour before sunset, he went out, found still others standing there doing nothing.

7 They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.'

8 'You too,' he told them, 'go to the vineyard.'

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Read over the verses again. How many times does the master go out looking for workers? What is significant about the master going out to hire workers multiple times?

Remember picking teams on the playground as a kid? Were you ever "picked last" or not picked at all? This passage has a similar feel to our playground illustration. The workers hired at the beginning of the day were probably the strongest, most skilled, and equipped. The workers hired at the end of the day could have potentially been handicapped, lame, old, weak, sick, unskilled, etc.

God's 'equal compensation' to all the workers displays how he values all people how he created them to contribute. And the greatest 'compensation' is really the reward of getting to work alongside the Master in His field!

How does knowing your value and getting to work alongside Jesus motivate you to take action on your kingdom building responsibilities?

We are all in search of purpose for our lives. It is so easy to believe this can be fulfilled in success or possessions, but sooner or later we realize there is more. This is where the Master's invitation to serve is so powerful.

There is great meaning found in doing our part to advance God's kingdom and this is not just for the pastor or the missionary or the full-time vocational Christian worker. It's for EVERYONE! We are all called to work in the vineyard.

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Go to the vineyard. Be sure, as you listen to this one, to look them square in the eye, choose one, and ask them, "Tell me what you've been doing here all day, doing nothing?" And say, "Listen, give me your work schedule. Go to the market square. And say, 'I'll hire you for a day, will you? Go work in the vineyard.' As you see the workers on a wage of one denarius, I'll hire you for a day. And say, 'Go work in the vineyard.'"

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