

## SERMON NOTES

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany, Year A \* January 15, 2023

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Isaiah 49:1-7 \* Psalm 40 \* 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 \* John 1:29-41

### God Calling!

Before I was born, the Lord called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name...he said to me, "You are my servant."

Isaiah 49:1

God began calling each of us before we were even B\_\_\_\_\_!

But too often, we M\_\_\_\_\_ the call.

"I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in EVERY way...Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift."

1 Corinthians 1:4-5

How will we know if it's really God calling? How does God speak?

✦ The B\_\_\_\_\_

Paul writes "to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and CALLED to be his holy people."

1 Corinthians 1:2

✦ P\_\_\_\_\_

John the Baptist points to Jesus and says, "That's the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

John 1:35

✦ T\_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus

✦ Our own I\_\_\_\_\_ and I\_\_\_\_\_.

### Next Week's Lessons

Isaiah 9:1-4 \* Psalm 27 \* 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 \* Matthew 4:12-23

## Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group, or a friend

1. How has God spoken to you through the Bible? What's a story or passage that has influenced your life? And how?
2. How has God spoken to you through a person: a parent, friend, teacher, or preacher? How has that person influenced you?
3. How has God spoken to you through your time with Jesus – in prayer, worship, or nature?
4. What do you like doing and are good at? And how do you use that inclination and interest to serve God or people, or to make a difference in the world?
5. PRAY:
  - ✦ Thanking God for ways he's spoken to you in your life.
  - ✦ Thanking God for the gifts and talents he's given you.
  - ✦ For opportunities to use your gifts and talents to serve God and people and make a difference in the world.
  - ✦ For any needs in your group.