



UNEARTHED – WEEK 1

| KEY THOUGHTS

- Calling: a strong inner impulse toward a particular course of action especially accompanied by conviction of divine influence.
- We bring renewal to this world when we step boldly and humbly into our God-given calling.
- Universal Calling: the calling of co-creators.
- Kingdom Calling: the calling of disciple makers.
- Personal Calling: the calling of gifting.

| SCRIPTURE

Then God said, “Let us make human beings[a] in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.” So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.”

Genesis 1:26-28

Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20

Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.

Ephesians 4:1-3

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

| APPLICATION

- The emphasis in the co-creator calling is that Scripture teaches we are partners with God, to join with and continue in His work for this world. When you feel a sense of partnership and ownership with God instead of feeling just like an employee, you'll see the world differently.
- We can see that there are multiple layers to a calling. As Christ-followers, we have a tri-fold vocation – universal, kingdom, and personal. While there are multiple layers, no one layer is better, nor do layers cancel each other out. All are equally important and build on one another.
- Unearthing your calling takes time.
 - If you haven't got it figured out yet, you're not behind or abandoned. It can take decades to unearth your calling.
 - Just like a discovery or an excavation, it takes historians and archaeologists a long time to find fossils, artifacts, etc. And when they do, they chip away at the land slowly, being careful not to damage the value of what they're looking for.

| REFLECTION

- What does it mean to “Unearth your calling?” Have you always seen a calling this way?
 - Or have you viewed calling to be something you choose and change your mind about?
 - Or have you view calling to be something you're randomly bestowed?
- What parallel do you see in the Great Commission (Matt. 28) and God's cultural mandate to Adam and Eve (Genesis 1)?
- What kind of giftings can you identify within yourself?
 - How do those gifts contribute to your kingdom calling to make disciples?
 - How do those giftings contribute to your universal calling to be co-creators?
- Reflect: When you look at yourself within your community, are you bringing life to the environment and the people in it? Are you neutral? Or the opposite?