

## Part 14 | All of Us Need Each of Us!

Acts 6:1-7

Jesus placed a call on **ALL** of us (v. 1)

**love God, love others** Matthew 22:35-40, Mark 12:28-34

**make disciples** Matthew 28:18-20

and **EACH** of us (v. 2-6)

**your unique calling** Ephesians 2:10

**your unique S.H.A.P.E.** 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

that he **WILL FULFILL!** (v. 7)

**"I will build my Church..."** Matthew 16:18; Philippians 1:6

**Let go of what's not yours, and take hold of what is for...** Philippians 3:12-4:1; 1 Tim 6:12-19

1) God's Glory

2) Others' Good

3) Your Joy!



## Did God Forget to Write That Down?



Our 2nd Core Value is  
"God Wrote It All Down."

By this we mean that God has revealed everything we need to know about him and salvation in the Bible. In addition, written in the Bible is everything we need to successfully live the Christian life and have joy! We are to believe God's Word in all that it teaches, obey it in all it requires, and trust it in all that it promises.

It's important to remember that Acts is **descriptive** not **prescriptive**—in other words it describes what happened, but doesn't prescribe exactly how the Church should function in every matter.

In our text this week we see the early church organizing itself to accomplish Jesus's mission. It **describes** how the early Christians organized themselves, but doesn't **prescribe** exactly how every local church should organize themselves going forward. It only tell us what they did.

In fact, Jesus himself never said anything about how the church —HIS CHURCH—should organize itself! He never talks about deacons, or about elders, or about church membership, or church meetings. **Did he forget?**

**God didn't forget.**

He gave us everything he wanted to give us in Scripture, **including freedom** in many areas of life and the church.

Jesus never gave specific instructions for how we should organize, but he did give us a specific mission to accomplish. And we're free to organize in whatever way would best accomplish that mission in our specific time and context.

## Sign up for Discovery Class!

To learn more about how we do this at Wawasee Bible, join us for Discovery Class on Sunday, February 19 at 5:00p!

To sign up, text the word "DISCOVERY" to 833-271-8805 or stop by the Connect Desk.



Text us at  
**833-271-8805.**

SHAPE

Text the word "SHAPE" to register for the SHAPE mini-Retreat on Feb. 25 (9a to Noon).

You can also text this number anytime for prayer. Just say, "Pray for..." followed by your request.



## Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

**What is this?** – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

## Getting Started

This weekend Pastor Josh talked about Jesus's call on *all* of us, and on *each* of us specifically. When you think about Jesus having a specific calling on your life, what's your response?

- The concept of a calling confuses me... and/or it feels weird.
- My calling seems very vague.
- I don't know what my calling is, but I want to discover what God has for me!
- I know my calling but struggle to prioritize it.
- I am living in the sweet spot of my calling.

**Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching**, *was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?*

## Digging Deeper

**Use this guide for further personal and group study this week.** For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

- One benefit of knowing and naming our calling as a church** (*loving God, loving others, and making disciples*) and as individuals (*uniquely advancing that calling according to our SHAPE*) is that it challenges us to keep first things first! Read the passage below and make a note of anything that might stand out to you about what it means to keep first things first.

**Circle or highlight** any words or phrases that catch your attention.  
**Underline** what you think is important to remember.  
**Put an X** next to anything that confuses you.

<sup>4</sup> No one serving as a SOLDIER gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. <sup>5</sup> Similarly, anyone who competes as an ATHLETE does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules. <sup>6</sup> The hardworking FARMER should be the first to receive a share of the crops. <sup>7</sup> Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this. **2 TIMOTHY 2:4-7 (NIV)**

- Let's think about the **soldier**, **athlete**, and **farmer**...
  - The **soldier** has to stay focused to avoid getting entangled in civilian affairs. What are some examples of how a soldier could get entangled in a civilian life?
  - What are some of the things that might entangle you as you pursue your calling?

(Study Guide continues on back panel...)

# Welcome to Wawasee!

## OUR CORE VALUES

These are things you'll see to be true about us...



### 1. It's All About Jesus!

You'll hear us say this often.—Why? Because *it's all about Jesus!* Apart from his death, burial, and resurrection we're wasting our time.



### 2. God Wrote it All Down

God wrote a book—and we are to believe the Bible in all that it teaches, obey it in all it requires, and trust it in all that it promises.



### 3. All People Matter

No matter who you are, where you're from, what you've done, or what's been done to you—you *matter to Jesus and you matter to us!*



### 4. We All Need Friends

You were designed to belong, not to go through life alone. Jesus created each of us desiring friendship and to live in community.



### 5. No Sacred Cows

Jesus is sacred, God's Word is sacred, *but our opinions, methods, and traditions are not*—we'll let go of any of them if more people can experience life change through the Gospel!

## Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

### Word Find for Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIRV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

<sup>8</sup> God's **grace** has **saved** you **because** of your **faith** in **Christ**.

Your **salvation** doesn't **come** from **anything** you do. It is

God's **gift**. <sup>9</sup> It is

not **based** on

**anything** you

have **done**. No

one can **brag**

about **earning**

it. <sup>10</sup> God **made**

us. He **created**

us to **belong** to

**Christ Jesus**.

Now we can do

**good things**.

**Long** ago God

**prepared** them

for us to do.

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## life groups Study Guide (continued)

- The **athlete** has to play by the rules in order to win the competition. What things might tempt you to take a shortcut or ignore the rules when it comes to accomplishing your God-given assignment/calling?
  - The **farmer** has to be patient in order to be rewarded with his share of the crops. What things might cause you to become impatient and lose focus on your life's top priorities?
    - Can you think of someone you know who models the principle "keeping first things first?" What stands out to you about this person?
2. This weekend Josh talked about each of us having a unique-to-us God-given calling (or you might say "assignment" or "main thing") that we're to pursue with our lives in the body of Christ. Jesus modeled knowing and prioritizing his life around his "main thing" in **Luke 4:40-44**. Go read it and notice how Jesus chose *not* to heal some people because he needed to move on to other towns to continue His mission.
- Can you think of a time when you had to say "no" to a good thing in order to say "yes" to your God-given calling/assignment?
  - How would you fill in the blanks of this statement: "(YOUR NAME) exists to honor God and serve others by \_\_\_\_\_."
  - Take some time to discuss this with your Life Group. See if you can help each other discover some of their specific **S.H.A.P.E.**
    - What specific **Spiritual Gifts** do they see in you?
    - What things/people/places do they perceive your **Heart** to be passionate about?
    - What **Abilities** do they see in you?
    - What do they appreciate about your **Personality**?
    - How do they see your **Experiences** being valuable to God using you?

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## Closing & Prayer

*Divide into separate groups of men and women for this time and pray for one another.*

Much of this week's Study Guide is adapted from a study by North Coast Church in Vista, CA. North Coast is a sister church of Wawasee Bible and part of the EFCA.



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# ACTS

## EMPOWERED FOR JESUS'S MISSION

Sunday, January 29, 2023



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### We're Glad You're Here Today!

Please register your attendance on our **digital Connect Card** by scanning the QR code with your phone's camera, or by visiting **wawasee.today** in your web browser. Update your contact info, share prayer requests, or just let us know how we can serve you! You can also access today's bulletin using the same QR or link.