

Calling Cards

A few hundred years ago people would leave engraved name cards at others' homes and the hosts would display these cards showing who had visited them. These calling cards are similar to our business cards today showing who we are, where we've been, and whom we've met along the way.

God's call shows us who he is and reveals who we are as well.

In the *Culture of the Call Camping* module, daily call questions were given on the virtual cell phone. The participants of this class weren't allowed to discuss these particular call questions in the class but were to share the questions outside our class to connect to more people and hear different responses than expected.

In the *Culture of the Call Congregational Life* and *Culture of the Call Campus* modules, some quick call activities were used to explore call. These were used at times instead of the call questions that were given in the Camping module.

These call questions and activities have been brought together with some new additions to give you a pack of "**Calling Cards.**"

- *You can take them on a one-on-one walk-and-talk visit with someone.*
- *You can pack them in a backpack for use around the campfire or as an ice breaker discussion in pairs or in a small group meeting.*
- *You can text or tweet the questions to young adults to keep in touch.*
- *You can use the activities as journaling prompts.*
- *You can create your own questions and activities in the blank set of cards*
- *You can write answers to activities or questions and make a matching game out of the cards (with the youth creating the rules).*

If you would like to add to the deck to make this a growing resource, contact us at either terylcartwright@gmail.com or beadisciple@sckans.edu.

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<p>What is the greatest mystery of God's call? Brainstorm the least likely things to offer God to use.</p>	<p>Can you ever take a break from your call? Put together a music play list to encourage your faith.</p>	<p>What are the kinds of call you've seen? Create a picture symbolizing call for you.</p>
<p>Why would God choose you for a call? Make a spiritual resume of a Biblical character.</p>	<p>Why don't we hear God's call? Listen to silence for ten minutes.</p>	<p>When is God's call a sacrifice? State the ways to comfort those missing something.</p>
<p>Does a call ever become a vocation? Give a title of work outside your workplace.</p>	<p>What are the calls that we are to do as community? Reach out and offer light to a community.</p>	<p>What is the joy in your call? Write down the humor in following God's call.</p>

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<p>What is the next step after a call? Instead of what to do, talk out what to be for God.</p>	<p>What are the effects of God's call on the recipient? Tell how someone else's call from God affected you.</p>	<p>What's the purpose of a call? Change one word in this question and answer both questions.</p>
<p>Can you volunteer for a call ? Argue this question for both sides.</p>	<p>How do you experience call? Share which Bible verses remind you of your own experiences.</p>	<p>What choices do we have in God's call? List two other alternatives to your answer(s).</p>
<p>In what ways does God's call move us? Give some examples of a moving call.</p>	<p>Do we get second chances for a call? Describe the benefits of God's call.</p>	<p>How does God's call connect to nature? Observe some part of nature and decide if this helps you.</p>

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<p>What is our most important call? Pray about calls that seem to overlap or end.</p>	<p>What would you tell some-one feeling called? Thank someone who has helped you with call.</p>	<p>What question do you wish I'd ask about call? Tell when a call didn't seem to work out.</p>
<p>Can calls be in conflict? Look for the results of a call first accepted in the heart versus the mind.</p>	<p>Where can you join your call with others? Offer to help someone with a call that is NOT like yours.</p>	<p>What is call? Define what call is not for you.</p>
<p>What are the feelings that accompany God's call? Tell the assumptions and beliefs in the answers given.</p>	<p>What if someone tells you they think you are called? Tell how you would test if a call is from God.</p>	<p>What competes with God's call? Name the ways God shows you his love today.</p>

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Are calls direct or indirect?
Choose a practice that develops
your faith and use it this week.

Whose call inspires you?
Ask someone to support you in
your call but let them choose the
ways to do this.

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