



identity

WHO GOD SAYS I AM

Week 3: I Am Chosen and Called - Study Handout

#1 I Am Chosen (Not Random)

John 15:16 (NKJV): "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain."

Ephesians 1:4-5 (NKJV): "He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself."

1 Thessalonians 1:4 (NIV): "For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you."

Deuteronomy 7:6 (NIV): "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession."

Colossians 3:12 (NIV): "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

Reflection Questions:

Do you live like someone who was chosen first, or someone who barely made the cut?

Where in your life are you still "auditioning" for approval instead of resting in God's choice?

What would change in your daily decisions if you truly believed God handpicked you before time began?

In what areas of your life are you comparing yourself to others? How does knowing you're chosen help you stop competing?

Practical Application:

Morning declaration: Start each day by saying out loud: "I am chosen by God. I don't need to prove my worth today."

Identity check: When you catch yourself seeking validation from others, pause and remind yourself: "God already chose me. His approval is enough."

Comparison fast: Identify one person you tend to compare yourself to. This week, pray for them instead of comparing.

Journal prompt: Write down three ways God has been intentional in designing you (your personality, gifts, experiences). Thank Him for choosing you specifically.

Social media boundary: Before posting anything this week, ask: "Am I seeking approval, or am I living from God's approval?"

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#2 I Am Set Apart (Not Common)

1 Peter 2:9 (NLT): "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession."

Romans 12:2 (NLT): "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."

2 Corinthians 6:17 (NIV): "Therefore, 'Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.'"

1 Peter 1:15-16 (NIV): "But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy.'"

John 17:15-16 (NIV): "My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it."

Reflection Questions:

Where are you most tempted to "blend in" rather than stand out for Christ?

What does being "set apart" look like in your specific workplace, family situation, or community?

Are there behaviors, habits, or attitudes you've adopted from the culture that don't align with being set apart?

How can you engage the world without being contaminated by it?

Practical Application:

Workplace witness: Identify one way you can be set apart at work this week (refuse gossip, show extra kindness, maintain integrity in a small decision).

Digital detox: Choose one way your online behavior needs to be "set apart" (comment tone, scrolling habits, content you consume).

Conversation audit: For one day, pay attention to your conversations. Are they life-giving or do they mirror the world's negativity?

Family first: Set one boundary this week that prioritizes family over career or convenience.

Forgiveness practice: Is there someone you need to forgive quickly rather than holding a grudge? Take that step this week.

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#3 I Am Called With Purpose (Not Wandering)

Romans 8:28 (NIV): "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

2 Timothy 1:9 (NLT): "For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus."

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV): "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Romans 11:29 (NIV): "For God's gifts and his call are irrevocable."

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV): "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Luke 16:10 (NIV): "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much."

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV): "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Reflection Questions:

What calling or assignment has God been nudging you toward that you've been ignoring?

What's the "small" calling right in front of you today that you need to be faithful in?

How does knowing your calling is irrevocable (permanent) change how you view your past mistakes?

If you could ask God one question about your calling, what would it be? (Then actually ask Him in prayer this week.)

Practical Application:

Assignment clarity: Stop asking "Why am I here?" and start asking "God, what's my assignment RIGHT NOW?" Write down what comes to mind.

Faithful in little: Identify one "small" responsibility you've been neglecting (parenting moment, work task, church commitment). Be faithful in it this week.

Spiritual promptings: This week, when God prompts you to pray for someone, text someone, give to someone—do it immediately. Don't overthink it.

Gift stewardship: What's one talent or resource God has given you that you've been burying? Use it this week for Kingdom purposes.

Next step clarity: Write down one specific, concrete next step toward a calling God has placed on your heart. Do it within 72 hours.

Trust the process: When you feel lost or confused about your calling, read Proverbs 3:5-6 out loud and remind yourself: God is directing your steps even when you can't see the whole path.

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Weekly Challenge:

Write down three things and post them where you'll see them daily:

1. One area where you've felt overlooked or invisible.

Write next to it: "God chose me FIRST."

2. One place where you're tempted to blend in instead of stand out.

Write next to it: "I am set apart for His purpose."

3. One calling or assignment God has been nudging you toward.

Write next to it: "I will take the next step THIS WEEK."

Summary:

You are chosen, set apart, and called:

I am chosen (not random) — God handpicked you before time began. You're wanted, intentional, valuable, and His priority.

I am set apart (not common) — You're marked for holy purpose. You're in the world but not of it. You live by a different standard.

I am called with purpose (not wandering) — Your life has meaning. God prepared assignments for you. Your calling is permanent and irrevocable.

This Week's Prayer:

Father, thank You for choosing me before time began. Help me to stop auditioning for approval and start living from Your approval. Set me apart in my workplace, my home, and my community. Show me my assignment for today and give me the courage to take the next step toward the calling You've placed on my life. I trust that You're directing my steps even when I can't see the whole path. In Jesus' name, Amen.