



CALLING

The Ologies Lesson 15



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LESSON 15 - CALLING

MAIN POINT:

MESSAGE NOTES:¹

Listen to or view message #15 in *The Ologies*, “Calling,” at pscconline.com. You can also find it by searching for Pleasant Street Church of Christ on your favorite podcasting service or on the Faithlife app on Apple TV or Roku.

Thought Questions:

1. What does the doctrine of salvation teach us about what God is like?
2. For what crimes will God judge the world?
3. Why didn't God's call of physical Israel “stick”?
4. How does the call of God refine Israel?

Next Steps:

1. How will you pour out your life to model and proclaim the gospel this week?
2. Think about any ways that you might have been a complainer recently. Repent of this before God and anyone who might have heard you.

Obedience Challenge: Shine Like Stars

Identify a task or chore that nobody volunteers to do either at your work, civic organization, church, or home. Sign up for it and do the very best job you're able to do at it. As you do it, share fellowship with Christ who came to serve and give up his life to clean up our mess. Be sure to remain cheerful and thankful through the process and afterward.

¹ You will share your notes during the Collaboration time of your Life Team meeting.

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DAILY DEVOTION GUIDE:

Read the following Scriptures about humankind as created beings, throughout this week. Use the [SOAP journaling method](#) to help you go deeper into the text. (See Handout)

- Monday – Psalm 80
- Tuesday – Psalm 105
- Wednesday – Psalm 106
- Thursday – Isaiah 41
- Friday – Luke 8
- Saturday – 2 Peter 1

During your Life Team meeting, you'll be given the opportunity to share some of your Application entries. Consider bookmarking any that you'll want to share by way of confession or to encourage others.

Or copy it here for easy reference:

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INTERGENERATIONAL GATHERING GUIDE:

Primer Exercise:

For Children

Play a version of “Duck, Duck, Goose.” Find an open space and set up a “base” where a runner will be safe from getting tagged. Set up an area around 20 yards away where your family can sit in a circle. Make your circle large enough so that family members can’t touch each other while seated. Pick the fastest person in your family to be “It.”

Say: *“Today, we’re going to play a game called, ‘Duck, Duck, Go!’ (Don’t tell the internet browser people I named it this or they’ll sue me.). As (It’s name) walks around the circle, they will touch each person’s head and say, ‘Duck’ until they get to the person they want to run to base. When they get to that person, they’ll touch their head and say, ‘Go!’ If you’re the one who’s chosen, you’ll need to jump up as fast as you can and run to base before anyone else can tag you. (It’s name)’s job will be to protect the person who was chosen by tagging everyone else. If you get tagged, you have to return to the circle and sit down.”*

The strategy of this game will become self-evident as it goes on. Depending on your family configuration, you might want to allow “It” to pick up their “Go” and run them to the base. Be careful not to fall. Allow other people to be it and play as many rounds as you like.

Afterward, ask:

- *What made this game seem either fair or unfair?*
- *If you knew who would be chosen to Go before they were chosen, how did you know?*
- *In this week’s lesson, we learned that God has chose us before he called us to follow him, how do you think God decided who he would choose?*

Read 1 Timothy 1:12-16 and talk about the reason why God chose Paul and how those are different from what we might think.

Everyone Else

Watch this clip from the 1978 release “Superman” with Christopher Reeves. [Lex over frequency causes Superman | Superman \(3 Hour TV Version\) - YouTube](#)

Discuss the following:

- List some elements of the Lex Luthor’s message that were targeted specifically at Super Man?
- Why did Lex Luthor contact Superman the way he did?
- What did this method of communication require of Mr. Luthor?
- How is this “calling” like God’s calling of his people?
- How is it different?

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The three sessions below are designed for home devotional use. Each session should be done in a separate sitting.

Session One: “The Sins of Sodom”

- Read Ezekiel 16:49-50 and Genesis 19:12-16 (If your family is unfamiliar with the story of Sodom and Gomorrah, bring them up to speed in an age-appropriate way.)
 - For what sins did God judge Sodom?
 - Why do you think Lot's sons-in-law thought he was joking?
 - What might have made Lot hesitate when the angels told him to leave the city?
- Application and Prayer
 - What examples of the sins of Sodom do you see in your society or in your life?
 - How will you flee these things?

Session Two: “Chosen Son”

- Read 1 Samuel 16:1-13
 - Put the following in the order they occurred in the story of David. (Think beyond this story) David is becomes qualified to serve as Israel's King; God chooses David to be king; David is crowned; David is called to be king.
 - Why do you think God operated this way to make David the next king?
 - How does David's story illustrate the way God makes us his anointed heirs?
- Application and Prayer
 - How does the knowledge that you've been chosen like David was encourage you?
 - How does it challenge you?

Session Three: “Ears to Hear”

- Read Luke 8:4-10
 - How is this passage both an example and an explanation of God's choosing and calling of his people?
 - What does the parable of the soils teach us about our role in spreading God's kingdom?
- Application and Prayer
 - How can you be more like the sower this week?
 - What can we pray for people with whom we share the gospel?

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LIFE TEAM GATHERING GUIDE:

I Will Rise

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Arr. by Darrell Bledsoe

1. There's a peace I've come to know though my heart and flesh may fail
 2. There's a day that's drawing near when this dark-ness breaks to light,

There's an an-chor for my soul I can say it is well.
 And the sha-dows dis-ap-pear and my faith shall be my eyes.

Je-sus has o-ver-come and the grave is o-ver-whelmed The

Last time To Coda
 vic-to-ry is won He is ri-sen from the dead. And I will

rise when He calls my name. No more sor-row no

more pain. I will rise on ea-gle's wings be-fore my God

fall on my knees, and rise, I will rise.

And I hear the voice of ma-ny an-gels sing

"wor- thy is the Lamb." And I hear the cry of ev-ry long-ing heart,

Wor- thy is the Lamb. Wor- thy is the Lamb.

CODA
 ri-sen from the dead.

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Mighty To Save

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Arr. Ryan Christian & Randy Gill

1. Ev-ry-one needs com-pas-ion, love that's nev-er fail-ing. Let
2. Take me as You find me, all my fears and fail-ures.

mer-cy fall on me. Ev-ry-one needs for-give-ness, the
Fill my life a-gain. I give my life to fol-low

kind-ness of a Sav-ior. The hope of na-tions.
ev-ry-thing I be-lieve in. Now I sur-ren-der

REFRAIN
Sav-ior, He can move the moun-tains. My God is might-y to save. He is

might-y to save. For-ev-er, Au-thor of sal-va-tion. He rose and

con-quer-ed the grave. Je-sus con-quer-ed the grave. So grave.

Shine your light and let the whole world see. We're sing-ing

for the glo-ry of the ris-en King. Je-sus King.

CODA
Sav-ior, He can move the moun-tains. My God is might-y to save. He is

might-y to save. For-ev-er, Au-thor of sal-va-tion. He rose and

con-quer-ed the grave. Je-sus con-quer-ed the grave.

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Scripture Discussion

➤ Read 2 Peter 1:3-11

- How were we called?
- What did this calling do for us?
- How should we respond to our calling?
- Why is it important to remember that we were cleansed from our past sins?

Pray

- Get a volunteer to close the prayer time at the end.
- Sing the following song together as a segue into your prayer time:

But ye are a chosen generation

A royal priesthood,

a holy nation,

a peculiar people;

that you should show forth the praises of him

who has called

out of darkness,

out of darkness,

out of darkness,

into his marvelous light,

into his marvelous light!

- Pray for needs and have volunteer close.

Collaborate

Each participant should have listened to Message #15 in *The Ologies*, “Calling” in person or online and taken notes.

- Have everyone share their answers to the **Thought Questions** in their *Message Notes*.
- If anyone has already done the **Obedience Challenge**, have them report on how it went and what they learned.
- Encourage (but don’t require) participants to share their **Next Steps** or any **Application** entries from their SOAP journals.
- Close by praying for each other’s **Next Steps** and **Application** entries.