

Is it I, Lord? Opening devotion for Four SAMS Meetings – fall 2026

Is it I, Lord? Could God really call me to help in the work of the kingdom? Oswald Chambers wrote, “The call of God is not just for a select few but for everyone.”

Is it I, Lord? What do I have to offer?

Hebrews 13:20-21 tells us:

²⁰ Now may the God of peace, who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, and ratified an eternal covenant with his blood—

²¹ may he equip you with all you need for doing his will.

May he produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to him.

God will equip those who are called.

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2 Peter 1:10 reminds us:

Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities, you will never fall.

God does not look for perfect people. He looks for available people.

Each of us have been called by God. Everyone is called and everyone is gifted. We may hesitate, deny the calling or even stepped back in fear but it’s not about us, it’s about what God can do through us. Tonight we will offer you a resource, a Bible study for you and your congregation to explore our calling from God.

Leave you with a story that gives us a wonderful image of how God does forms us and equips us to answer our call.

An old pencil maker took his newest pencil aside, just before he was about to pack him into a box. Imagining the little fellow as a person he shared a few things about the pencil.

“There are five things you need to know,” he said to his pencil, “before I send you out into the world. Always remember these five things – never forget them – and you will become the best pencil you can be! This is your calling.

“The first thing is to remember that you will be able to do many great things, but only if you put yourself in someone else’s hands.

2. “From time to time, you will experience a painful sharpening but remember that this will make you a better pencil.

3. “Also, keep in mind that you will be able to correct any mistakes you might make along the way.

4. “And the most important part of you is what’s on the inside.

5. *“And remember this, as well, upon every surface that you are used, you will leave your mark. No matter what else happens, you must continue to answer your call so you will live a life of love and purpose.”*

Let's pray:

Lord, make us better people: more considerate towards others, more honest with ourselves, more faithful to you. Help us to find our true vocation in life. Grant that those whom you call may have the generosity to answer your call, so that those who need your help may always find it. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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