

Different

Different Calling In A Dark World (Wk.3)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

When we know and believe the names God call us, it sets us on the path of our true calling.

Key Scriptures

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9

No longer will you be called Abram, but your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations.

Genesis 17:5

God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah.

Genesis 17:15

"Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and man and have overcome."

Genesis 32:28

"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hell will not overcome it.

Matthew 16:18

Believing false names leads to believing in a false identity and a false calling.

Four Names Peter Highlights

- A Chosen People
- A Royal Priesthood
- A Holy Nation
- God's Special Possession

Peter chose to believe what Jesus called him and it resulted in his life's calling.

Start talking.

- What were some nicknames you were called and/or you heard others called?
- What were some of the painful names you were called growing up?
- How did those names impact you?

Start thinking.

- Read Genesis 17:5 and 17:15. How did Abraham and Sarah's original names impact how they viewed themselves and their purpose?
- Read Genesis 32:28. Joel explained that Jacob means: supplanter, backup, second-best. Whereas Israel means "one who wrestles with God and overcomes". Contrast the different calling each name would have had on Jacob.
- Read Matthew 16:18. What about Peter's personality and circumstances would have made it difficult to embrace his new name?

Start sharing.

- Who are you listening to?
- What names are you believing?
- What path are you following?

Start doing.

- Describe a practical implication and/or application in your life of the four names Peter describes.
- Choose one person from your group to text/call during the week to remind them what Jesus calls them.
- Join Harbor Church as we read through 1 Peter. This week we invite you to read 1 Peter 3:1-22.

Closing prayer.

Lord, I pray that You would unlock my heart that I might be fully alive to my true identity in You. Help me to see myself the way You see me. Help me to stand in Your truth against all of the enemy's attacks and guard my heart with vigilance (Proverbs 4:23). Help me to identify lies, and reveal to me any places where I am chained to false names. I thank You for my uniqueness and that I am made in Your image (Genesis 1:27). I want to understand and feel the deep things in Your heart for me (1 Corinthians 2:10-12). I choose to believe the truth about how You see me. I thank You that I can hope in the future and believe in the good calling You have for me.