

All are Called

A Vocations Resource from St Albans Diocese

Part 5 — Is God Calling You?



Introduction

Although each of us is called by God, some of us are called to specific roles within the Church. That might be to public ministry as a Reader or member of the clergy. It might be to serve as a youth worker, musician, flower arranger – or any number of positions. But how do people know that God is calling them?

There are a variety of ways. First, other people may confirm the calling by saying: “You could do that!” Second, you may sense God speaking directly to you. Third, there may be a sense of “rightness” or blessing that comes from responding to God’s call. However, there are many other ways in which God calls. We need to stay attentive as God may call us in surprising ways and at unexpected times.



Activity

Find some people who have a sense of vocation. Your vicar, minister or parish priest is a good place to start. Ask them how they knew that God was calling them into ministry.

If you are someone who has experienced this kind of specific vocation, tell other people about it. What happened? How did you know the call was from God? Did you find it easy or difficult to respond to a sense of vocation? Why?



Bible Study

Read Exodus 4.1-17

Why did Moses not want to obey God’s call? Why might we be reluctant to do what God wants us to do? What kinds of excuses do we make? How was God enabling Moses? How might God be enabling and equipping us today?



Video

Watch the video that accompanies this study.

What struck you from the video? Why? Having heard these stories of vocation, do you believe that God is calling you? What makes you sure or uncertain? When have you discover God’s blessing by responding to a sense of calling?



Next Steps

There are various ways in which to start exploring a sense of vocation. You could start by talking to someone from your church or to a diocesan Vocations Adviser. Details are on the diocesan website.

Write down one thing you are going to do as a result of this study.
