

Whoever finds his life will  
lose it, and whoever loses  
his life for my sake will  
find it.  
Mt 10:39

Share the teaching  
Guard the sharing

# Male Call

March 16, 2007

## What are my gifts...where can I work as missionary in God's Kingdom?

5:55 – 6:05	<p>1) Coffee &amp; Donuts</p> <p>2) Opening Prayer</p>
6:05 – 6:25	<p><b>1) God created you exactly as you are</b> <i>To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you. For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.</i> (Ps 139:1-16)</p> <p><b>2) God placed you where you are in space and time</b> <i>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we are indeed his offspring."</i> (Acts 24-28)</p> <p><b>3) There is no plan B for God</b></p> <p>a) To wish we had been created differently in order that we may be somehow better equipped for God's work is to tell God he made a mistake with us.</p>

6:25 – 7:00	Interaction and prayer  See Pastor Mike for the gift-finding and personality tests that go with this lesson.
7:00	Closing Prayer

Further reading:

- The *Bible*
- McCall, *Walking Like Jesus Did*. BMH Books, 2005
- Westminster Shorter Catechism