

...and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembly together...but encouraging one another.
 Heb 10:24-25

Share the teaching
 Guard the sharing

Male Call

March 7, 2008—Reflecting on God's Call, Pastor Jim Persson

6:00 – 6:05	Coffee & Donuts Opening Prayer												
6:05 – 7:00	<p><u>The Call</u>: The way God communicates to each believer what he wants them to do with their life.</p> <p>1) Our point of beginning: Pondering two questions: #1: Why are you coming to Male Call at 6am every Friday morning? #2: What is God calling you to do with the rest of your life?</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Question #1</th> <th style="text-align: center; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Question #2</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Being</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Doing</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Faith</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Works</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Worship</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Missions</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Learning</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Serving</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Disciple</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Disciple</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>2) Basic teaching on the Call</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) God's call is a biblical concept b) God's call comes to every believer <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) "If God is calling we better answer"—Ken Kemp in worship drama, 2/24/08 ii) You may not have known you should be listening for a call iii) You thought it only applied to pastors and missionaries c) God's call is rarely a lightening bolt experience d) God's call may be multiple in the course of a lifetime <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Career call???? ii) Calls within a call e) God's call is personal but must be affirmed by the Church <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) <u>The Call</u> may come through visions and dreams, through worship, through direct communication from the Holy Spirit, through study and prayer with friends, etc. There are no limits to the ways God's call may come to you. However, it must be affirmed by the Church who tests all the call against the teaching of the Holy Scriptures. A "call" may come from other spirits than through the Spirit of God. f) God's call sustains you when the going gets tough 	Question #1	Question #2	Being	Doing	Faith	Works	Worship	Missions	Learning	Serving	Disciple	Disciple
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	<p>3) Biblical examples of God's call</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Old Testament <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Genesis 12:1-3—Abraham ii) Exodus 3:3-4—Moses iii) The Judges—Not a lifetime call but called for a specific task iv) Isaiah 6:1-9—Isaiah v) Jeremiah 1:4-10—Jeremiah vi) Amos 1:1—Amos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) A very ordinary shepherd from an ordinary town when called to be an extra-ordinary prophet b) New Testament <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The call of the twelve disciples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) <i>He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach</i> Mk 3:14 <p>4) Helpful promises for The Called</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 1Corinthians 1:26—Calling based on God's standards b) Ephesians 4:1—Living a life worthy of the Calling c) 2Thessalonians 2:14—<i>He called you to <u>this</u> through our Gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Our challenge is to put the content of our calling into the work <u>this</u> d) Ephesians 2:10—<i>It is God himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Jesus Christ; and long ago he planned that we should spend these lives in helping others</i> (Living Bible) e) John 17:4—<i>I glorified you on earth by completing down to the last detail what you assigned me to do</i> (The Message) <p>5) The Odyssey of My Call From Birth to March 7, 2008</p> <p>6) For help in finding God's call:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>The Purpose Driven Life</i>, day 29, p227 by Rick Warren b) Read the Scriptures, pray, share ideas and thoughts with your Friday morning brothers, explore what you are feeling and hearing with Pastors Dave and Mike
7:00	Closing Prayer

Further reading:

- *The Bible*