

DEEP CALLING

on being &
growing disciples



The Journey

SESSION 3

“One of my dad’s dreams was to visit China. When he was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer in 2005, I encouraged him to seize the moment and visit the place so many of his friends had talked about. We set off on a trip – my dad, my brother, my husband Caleb, and I. We toured China for 25 days. We traveled from the northern cities of Beijing and Dalian, then to the south by train to Xian and Shanghai. It was an unforgettable trip. We explored, soaked in the history, and made lasting memories.”

During our travels we visited many temples and gardens. In one garden, we wandered over the bridges and through each gate, seeing breathtaking vegetation. In front of an outcrop of towering bamboo, this is what was shared with us: There are varieties of bamboo that, when planted, show no signs of growth for up to four years. Then, in the fifth year, the plant can grow up to 40 feet in that one year! When it looks like nothing is happening, roots are growing invisibly beneath the surface, giving the plant the support to sustain the growth that is coming.

You cannot sit alone in the presence of God, with the Word, inviting the Holy Spirit, and have nothing happen. You may not be aware of something happening, but it is happening. When you’re sitting there and you think nothing is happening, roots are deepening to sustain the growth that is coming in your life.”

– DEEP CALLING, CHAPTER 20, PAGE 221

Learning Styles



Call to Devotion

Experiential Learning Cycle (adapted from psychologist David A. Kolb's Learning Cycle):

1. **Experiencing.** Gather data: study, explore, examine.
2. **Sharing.** Share observations and reactions from Phase 1.
3. **Processing.** Systematic examination of the shared experience — focus on the process.
4. **Generalizing.** Connecting structured experiences to practical everyday life.
5. **Applying.** Learning impacting behavior. Applying to actual life situations.

You can see why this process is so much more powerful in a group. Our learning goes beyond just experiencing; we have to share it with someone and have someone help us process and apply it. This is why God invites us into community; God partners with people to connect with us and help us learn in more powerful, long-lasting ways.

Another paradigm for experiential learning that can be helpful is the Knowing, Being, Doing framework.

- **Knowing.** Cognitive Level (knowledge, understanding)
- **Being.** Affective Level (attitude, heart)
- **Doing.** Behavioral Level (practices, skills)

Experiential Learning
Process

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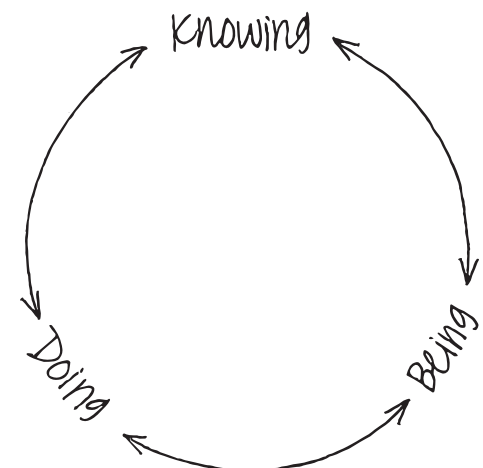
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Devotional Experience: Psalm 91:1, 2



Call to Devotion

*“Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord,
‘He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.’”*

– PSALM 91:1, 2

Reflect on these questions: *What do you love about God? What do you adore?*

Sit with the passage. *What individual words stand out to you? What do these words mean to you? Contemplate and reflect on them.*

Ask yourself: *What is hindering me from dwelling here with God?*

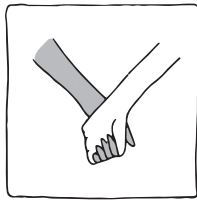
Connect in prayer. *What is your response to God?*

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Devotional Habits (continued from Session 2)



Call to Devotion



Call to Community

Habits of Disengagement

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Habits of Engagement

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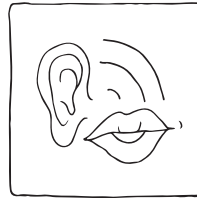
Praise Activity



Call to Devotion



Call to Witness



Call to Prayer

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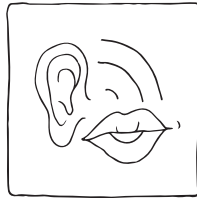
Invitation to Daily Praise



Call to Devotion



Call to Witness



Call to Prayer

Praise God for one characteristic each day this week:

Day 1: _____

Day 2: _____

Day 3: _____

Day 4: _____

Day 5: _____

Day 6: _____

Day 7: _____

Sample

Daily Devotional Reading 1



Call to Devotion

Scripture Passage:

1. The Word from the Lord. *What does this say?*

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2. My Response. *How does this connect with my life?*

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3. Listening to God. *Is there an invitation from God?*

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Daily Devotional Reading 2



Call to Devotion

Scripture Passage:

1. The Word from the Lord. *What does this say?*

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2. My Response. *How does this connect with my life?*

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3. Listening to God. *Is there an invitation from God?*

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Daily Devotional Reading 3



Call to Devotion

Scripture Passage:

1. The Word from the Lord. *What does this say?*

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2. My Response. *How does this connect with my life?*

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3. Listening to God. *Is there an invitation from God?*

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Daily Devotional Reading 4



Call to Devotion

Scripture Passage:

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2. My Response. *How does this connect with my life?*

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3. Listening to God. *Is there an invitation from God?*

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Daily Devotional Reading 5



Call to Devotion

Scripture Passage:

1. The Word from the Lord. *What does this say?*

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2. My Response. *How does this connect with my life?*

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3. Listening to God. *Is there an invitation from God?*

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Daily Devotional Reading 6



Call to Devotion

Scripture Passage:

1. The Word from the Lord. *What does this say?*

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2. My Response. *How does this connect with my life?*

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3. Listening to God. *Is there an invitation from God?*

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Daily Devotional Reading 7



Call to Devotion

Scripture Passage:

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2. My Response. *How does this connect with my life?*

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3. Listening to God. *Is there an invitation from God?*

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