



INVITING YOU ON A JOURNEY

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INTO the World!

A STORY:

Have you ever met a person who has made a huge difference in someone's life because they learned to turn simple tasks or relationships into exciting opportunities to bring God's love and presence into another person's life? I heard a story this week about a man named Victor. Some would call him a bus driver. The kids call him their best friend. They consider their bus rides the highlight of their day. Victor takes time to get the whole bus involved in playing games - like who can spot the most dogs or squirrels or cats during the next ten minutes. He makes sure that on a child's birthday they get to sit in the "Seat of Honor" behind the driver and hear how God thinks they are the most special person in the world! He remembers each child by name when he prays at night. As the kids grow into adults and return for school reunions, Victor's name frequently comes up as being one of the more influential people in their growing-up years! Several will share how they met Jesus through Victor's love! If the Apostle Peter were here today he would say, "That's what I was talking about when I said you are a chosen people, priests of the king, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light!" (1 Peter 2: 10)

OUR LONGING:

Why are you here? What is your unique niche in God's plan? How is God calling you to make a difference in this world? How are you bringing God's presence and love to people - especially outside the church? God gives each of us gifts and calls us to a state of being that is meant to impact others. When we dedicate and connect our living to what God has created us to do and be, that is when we become God's instruments; and there becomes a connection of purpose and harmony with Life.

OUR CALLING:

Like Moses at the burning bush, you and I are being called into new forms of ministry to serve The Great I AM in all facets of our life! Martin Luther teaches that this service takes place in four specific arenas: the home (or family); the neighborhood (or community); the place of work; the local congregation. God calls us to be His priestly presence in each of these fields; but it is up to us to act!

LIFE Journey exists to help you hear, respond, and be equipped to answer

God's call to serve The Great I AM wherever He places you!

OUR JOURNEY:

How would you like to participate in a small group journey that will allow you to:

- Study scriptures and discern over time what God's will is for you?
- Assist one another in determining the unique giftedness that each of you has been given to fulfill your specific calling?
- Build a community of faith that will be supportive and missional in character?
- Integrate your journey learnings into personal and group ministries that will serve Christ and introduce others to him?

Designed to be a form of small-group ministry, LIFE Journey provides:

- Training for local group leaders wishing to lead a small group of journeyers;
- On-line small-group opportunities for people wishing to journey under the guidance of the LIFE Journey Director, Carolyn Schoenborn.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO REGISTER AS A JOURNEYER OR SMALL GROUP LEADER TRAINEE:

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