Vocatio Small Group Notes

Sunday, January 21, 2018

*The Call: Finding and Fulfilling
the Central Purpose of Your Life*by Os Guinness

Chapter 3 – *The Haunting Question*

1. Guinness writes, “In Western society at a more suburban level, “identity” has become our most important private project…” (p. 22)

Do you agree with this statement and can you see evidence of it in your own life? If so, give examples.

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1. “Human responsibility, as the word itself suggests, is responsibility to something. But to what?” (p. 19) Reflect and answer this question with as much clarity/detail as possible.

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1. C.S. Lewis stated, “The more we get what we now call ‘ourselves’ out of the way and let Him take us over, the more truly ourselves we become.” and “The more I resist Him and try to live on my own, the more I become dominated by my own heredity and upbringing and surroundings and natural desires. In fact, what I so proudly call ‘Myself’ becomes merely the meeting place for trains of events which I never started and which I cannot stop.” (p. 25).

Do you ever feel as though you are resisting God to maintain your own identity or sense of self you have created in this realm?

Where and how have you let go and let God in to help Him show you His path and call for you?

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*“Professing to be unsure of God, they pretend to be sure of themselves. Followers of Christ put things the other way around: Unsure of ourselves, we are sure of God.” (Os Guinness, p. 25)*

*“Responding to the call means rising to the challenge, but in conversation and in partnership and in an intimate relationship between the called and the Caller.” (Os Guinness, p. 24)*