

## MAIN POINT

*Being a part of Community Life means taking your next step in connecting with God, connecting with others, connecting with your calling, and changing the world.*

## INTRODUCTION

How can a person know God's will for his or her life? Would you say this is simple or complicated to know?

How can you know your role at Community Life? How easy or difficult do you think this is to know?

**This week we are discussing next steps at Community Life. No matter how long you have been plugged in with our church, everyone has a next step to take. As a church, we desire for these steps to be clear to everyone. Today we will look at several passages that show that God calls His people to connect with Him, connect with others, connect with their calling, and change the world for His glory.**

## DISCUSSION

### > READ MATTHEW 22:34-40, EPHESIANS 2:10, AND JOHN 14:12 .

How does the passage from Matthew 22 point to the value of connecting with God? What about the value of connecting with others?

Why do you think Jesus gave these two things as the single most important commandment? Why are these two commands inseparable? Is it possible to follow one fully without the other? Explain.

Read John 3:16 and Luke 15. What do these two passages tell you about the heart of God for you?

Read James 5:16, Hebrews 10:24-25, and Proverbs 17:17. What do these verses tell us about the value of connecting with one another in community? How have you experienced that reality in your life? How have we experienced that together as a group?

What does Ephesians 2:10 tell you about the calling of God on your life? How does this truth eliminate pressure for you to discover some hidden calling for your life? What is our responsibility in pursuing God's calling in our lives according to this verse?

What do you think Jesus meant by "greater works" in John 14:12?

How has He used His church to accomplish these greater works in the world? How is this changing the world whether we realize it or not? How does He want to use us in this way?

Read Ephesians 1:18-20. How does this give confidence for pursuing God's work in the world?

## APPLICATION

In what area do you need to take a next step, beginning this week: connect with God, connect with others, connect to your calling, or change the world?