



August 2016

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Civic Holiday	2	3 Josh Cowan  Bible Study Cancelled	4 Youth Cancelled	5	6
7	8 Elizabeth Walker 	9	10 Bible Study Cancelled	11 Youth 6:59	12 Edith & Toby  Clarke 	13
14	15 Shelley  Maschewski	16	17 Bible Study 7:30	18 Youth 6:59	19	20
21	22	23	24 Bible Study 7:30	25 Youth 6:59	26	27 Anita Cotton 
28 Board meeting following worship	29	30	31 Bible Study 7:30			

God Chooses and Uses Nobodies

“Nevertheless, the calling of the twelve teaches us important things about our own service to Christ. We too have been called by God. Like the apostles, we have been called to faith in Jesus Christ. We have also been called—by name—to serve our Lord in some particular ministry or ministries. We do not choose our calling in the church; God chooses it for us. This principle is basic to all Christian ministry.

When God calls us, he also provides the gifts that we need to carry out our calling. The mission of Jesus was not limited by the resources the apostles already had in their possession. He would give them whatever they needed, including his Spirit, who was the real power at work in their ministry. Therefore, as the apostles took the gospel to the world, they did not have to rely on their own abilities, but on the enabling and equipping work of God. Oswald Chambers was right when he said: “God can achieve his purpose either through the absence of human power and resources, or the abandonment of reliance on them. All through history God has chosen and used nobodies, because their unusual dependence on him made possible the unique display of his power and grace. He chose and used somebodies only when they renounced dependence on their natural abilities and resources.”

Whether we are nobodies like the apostles when Jesus called them, or

August 7

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Hebrews 11:1-16
Luke 6:12-19

August 14

Psalm 80:1-2; 8-19
Isaiah 5:1-7
Hebrews 11:29—12:2
Luke 6:20-26

August 21

Psalm 71:1-6
Jeremiah 1:4-10
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 6:27-36

August 28

Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Jeremiah 2:4-13
Hebrews 13:1-16
Luke 6:37-42

September 4

Psalm 139:1-6; 13-18
Jeremiah 18:1-11
Philemon 1-21
Luke 6:43-49

somebodies such as they became, we need to put our confidence in Christ alone, and not in ourselves, so that his Spirit can do the real work of our ministry. It is only by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ that we are able to care for people in need, see them come to faith, and help them grow in godliness.”

Ryken, Philip Graham. *Luke*. Edited by Richard D. Phillips, Philip Graham Ryken, and Daniel M. Doriani. Vol. 1 & 2. Reformed Expository Commentary. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing, 2009.

Looking into August . . .

Board Meeting Following Worship
August 28th.

Every Saturday is Work Day at the Camp.
Contact Jerry if you are interested.

Bible Study to Resume on August 17th

Youth Group Every Thursday at 6:59