



Called and Going Nowhere | Shawn Johnson | 9.19.21  
Weekly Study

START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

**If you could close your eyes and go to a favorite place, where would it be?**

SHARE

Welcome back to Group! This week, Shawn continued our series “Vantage Point.” He challenged us to be where we are at, having a moment with God and surrendering to what He has ahead for our lives. We know that there is power in our stories, so before we dive in, choose one or two people from your group to share their story using the following questions as prompts.

- 1. Tell me about your upbringing. What are a few of the significant life events that shaped and molded you?**
- 2. Have you ever had a moment where you realized God is real and loves you? If so, tell us about it.**
- 3. How have you changed in the last five years?**

GROW

**Read 1 Peter 5:6-7**

By reading this Scripture, we know that when we humble ourselves, surrendering it all, God will lift us up *in due time*. What does *in due time mean*? This means waiting and trusting that God has you and he has something so much better than you can even begin to imagine for yourselves. The waiting and trusting can be difficult at times especially if you live in the Western culture where you can get anything you want at a click of a button. As Shawn said, “this may be frustrating to us, but God sees it as preparation.”

God is a slow God and a really good Father. He desires more than anything for us to “seek Him first” (see Matthew 6:33) and spend time with him. In this same verse it goes on to say, “these things will be added to you.” God sees you. He cares about you. He has an incredible life and purpose planned for you. Be where you are at and as you spend those moments with God, it becomes much easier to surrender to the one who promises to “lift you up in due time.”

**Do you find it difficult to just be where you are at in life? Explain.**

**You may be waiting on a God given dream to come. A dream job, a promotion, a husband/wife, a child, a home...What God given dream do you feel like God has place deep within you? Are you still waiting to be lifted up?**

**M O V E**

**Read Matthew 25:14-29**

**How does this passage shift your perspective when it comes to trust and faith in God?**

We read in this story about three different guys who were entrusted with bags of gold. Each of their amount was given specifically for how their Master saw fit. The two guys who were entrusted with more, came back with more. And the one who was entrusted with the least, came back with the same amount. The Master celebrated the two men who went out and multiplied their gold while he was frustrated with the other. One operated out of fear and the others out of trust. In verse 23 it says, “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

**Where do you see God in this story?**

**Can you see yourself through the eyes of one of the men in this story? If so, how?**

We are invited daily to trust God with the talents and gifts he purposely has given to us, for his Kingdom and his Kingdom alone. This week, Shawn shared three main things that God revealed to him as he took that moment with God to seek his presence. As an act of surrender, Shawn entrusted them to God, knowing that he ultimately had his best interest at heart. When we decide in the moments with God, to humble ourselves and submit our lives to him, our vantage point changes. And when our vantage points change, everything else seems to as well.

**Where in your life or what in your life do you feel like you are holding back from God?**

**What is keeping you from surrendering these things?**

**This Weeks Challenge:**

- **Purpose in your heart to make time each day to quiet yourself for a moment and just sit with God.** \*Note: This is may be difficult and that is okay. Your moment may be seconds on one day and a few minutes on the other. The challenge is to show up.
- **Journal/take note of your experience each day in these moments and watch how your vantage point shifts, even if it is just in the slightest.**

P R A Y

We need prayer now more than ever. Spend some time-sharing prayer requests. If you are in a coed group, consider breaking off into two separate groups (or calls if you are an online group) to share more freely.

T O G O

*They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony...  
-Revelation 12:11*