

## BLESSING

SPEAK THESE WORDS WHILE MAKING THE SIGN OF THE CROSS ON ONE ANOTHER'S FOREHEADS:

*MAY GOD HELP YOU DISCERN YOUR INSPIRATION AND GIVE YOU THE COURAGE TO FOLLOW HIM.*

## DAILY VERSES FOR INSPIRATION

2 TIMOTHY 3:16 NLT

PROVERBS 3:5 GNT

PSALM 37:4 ISV

ISAIAH 40:31 RSV

ROMANS 8:28 NIV

MARK 10:27 NIV

JOHN 11:25 ISV



# 40 DAYS OF *Inspiration* SESSION 1



*"The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."*

Frederick Buechner

## SHARE

GREETINGS, INTRODUCTIONS, COVENANT

- IN TURN, SHARE AN EXAMPLE OF A TIME YOU WERE INSPIRED.
- NOW SHARE AN EXAMPLE OF A TIME YOU WERE MOTIVATED.

## READ & TALK

ACTS 9:3-6, 18-20

MATTHEW 9:9-13

- WHAT DO YOU THINK INSPIRED PAUL TO BECOME A MISSIONARY? WHAT INSPIRED MATTHEW TO LEAVE HIS OLD LIFE BEHIND AND FOLLOW JESUS?
- WHAT SIMILARITIES DO YOU SEE IN THE WAY PAUL AND MATTHEW RESPONDED TO GOD/JESUS?
- HOW DO THE STORIES OF PAUL AND MATTHEW INSPIRE YOU? WHAT DO THEY SHOW YOU ABOUT GOD?
- THROUGHOUT PAUL'S MINISTRY, HE FACED MANY CHALLENGES AND HARDSHIPS INCLUDING SHIPWRECKS, IMPRISONMENT, AND PERSECUTION, WHAT DO YOU THINK MOTIVATED HIM TO PERSEVERE IN SPREADING THE GOSPEL?

- HOW DO YOU DISCERN BETWEEN YOUR OWN MOTIVATION AND INSPIRATION?

- WHERE DO YOU LOOK FOR INSPIRATION?

RECOGNIZING HOW WE'RE INSPIRED CAN HELP US MAKE BETTER DECISIONS, STAY FOCUSED AND MOTIVATED, AND LIVE A MORE MEANINGFUL LIFE.

- HOW WILL YOUR VALUES, GIFTS, TALENTS, AND PASSIONS MAKE AN IMPACT ON THE WORLD AND GLORIFY GOD?

## PRAY

GRACIOUS GOD, AS WE ENTER THESE 40 DAYS OF INSPIRATION, WE ASK THAT YOU BREATHE INTO US YOUR HOLY SPIRIT. GUIDE US AS WE ENGAGE IN SPIRITUAL PRACTICES AND MAKE US AWARE OF THE INSPIRATION YOU PROVIDE IN SO MANY WAYS. RENEW OUR SPIRIT AND HELP US DISCOVER NEW ENERGY FOR LIFE AND FAITH. AND AS PAUL REMINDS US IN HIS LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS, HELP US TO BE CERTAIN THAT YOU, WHO BEGAN A GOOD WORK IN US, WILL CONTINUE THAT WORK UNTIL IT IS COMPLETE. IN JESUS' NAME WE PRAY. AMEN.

### *Week 1 Memory Verse*

GOD WHO BEGAN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL CARRY IT ON TO COMPLETION UNTIL THE DAY OF CHRIST JESUS.

PHILIPPIANS 1:6 NIV