

Are You Called to Missions?

A missionary calling is concrete and can be discerned through clear signs:

1. Genuine desire – You feel a Spirit-led passion for missions, not guilt or pressure.
2. Training – God has provided opportunities to grow in biblical knowledge and ministry skills.
3. Positive experience – You’ve thrived in short-term or cross-cultural missions settings.
4. Church affirmation – Your local church confirms and supports your calling.
5. Open doors – God provides specific opportunities that align with his timing.
6. Family fit – Your calling doesn’t neglect essential family responsibilities.
7. Godly character – Your life reflects the moral qualifications of a church leader.
8. Entrepreneurial spirit – You can work independently and start new ministries.
9. Agency support – A missions organization endorses and equips you.
10. Faithful service – You’re already living as a missionary in mindset and action.

These markers together help clarify if God is truly calling you to the mission field.

A Note from Pastor Peter

One of the greatest joys of pastoral ministry is watching someone discover what God made them for.

I have seen people in their sixties find their calling for the first time. I have watched young adults step toward the mission field after years of wondering. I have seen faithful lay volunteers realize that the work they were already doing was exactly what God had designed them for.

The question is not whether you have a calling. You do. We are all called to follow Jesus. Some of us will do that through “normal” work and life, and some in vocational ministry. The question is: are you willing to seek God’s call, and will you respond when God makes it clear?

I believe God is at work among us. I believe He is calling men and women at Cornerstone to serve—both here in our church and community, and in ministry across the world. Please take time to read this brochure and pray. And come talk to me—I would be honored to be part of your journey.

— Pastor Peter



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We Are Shaped for Service

We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

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What Is a Calling?

The Bible teaches two kinds of calling:

A General Calling

Everyone is called to find and follow Jesus, to love God and neighbor, and to serve others through the gifts and abilities God has given.

We are called to glorify God with our lives:

Romans 12:1 (CSB) “Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship.”

A Ministry Calling

Some are called to leave other pursuits and give themselves fully to vocational Christian ministry—as pastors, missionaries, teachers, evangelists, and more. This calling is not “higher” or holier than everyday life, but it is specific and distinct.

Pastor Rick Warren writes:

“God never wastes anything. He would not give you abilities, interests, talents, gifts, personality, and life experiences unless He intended to use them for His glory.”

You Are Shaped for Service

God fashions each person for a unique purpose. Pastor Rick Warren identified five dimensions of our God-given S.H.A.P.E.

- S. Spiritual Gifts: How God has equipped you
- H. Heart: What you are passionate about
- A. Abilities: Your natural talents & skills
- P. Personality: Your temperament
- E. Experiences: Your story shapes you

When your SHAPE aligns with your service, you discover joy, effectiveness, and a deep sense that you are doing exactly what God has called you to do.

Consider these four questions:

1. What has God put in your heart? Notice what breaks your heart, excites you, and draws your energy.
2. What gifts has the Spirit given you? In what kinds of ministries are you most fruitful?
3. What do others confirm? Calling should be confirmed by those who know you best.
4. What doors is God opening? Providence and opportunity often confirm one’s calling. Step forward in faith and watch what God does.

Take a Moment to Reflect

Prayer and some quiet time to think and listen to the Lord are essential parts of discerning whether God is calling you into vocational ministry.

Find a comfortable and quiet space and set aside a good amount of time. Consider the Apostle Paul’s statement:

1 Timothy 3:1 (CSB) This saying is trustworthy: “If anyone aspires to be an overseer (a church leader), he desires a noble work.”

Invite the Lord to lead and guide you. Now, stay still.

Use the space below to note what you are discerning: