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IceBreaker: When was the first time that you remember being picked, selected or chosen because of something that you could do really really well?

Introduction *(Read aloud before discussion.)*

This week we are looking at Jesus's famous kingdom announcement, and how that summons us to uniquely and specifically play our crucial part in God's larger story.

Sermon Discussion *(Use as a guide for dialogue; let God lead, and read the verses aloud.)*

Mark 1:14-15

1. What do you think a first century Jew would have heard when Jesus announced this?
2. What is heard today?

Mark 1:16-18

3. Travis mentioned that these verses are about an urgent conversation concerning God's larger redemptive story, inviting people in to play their crucial part. What do you think?

Judges 6:11-15

4. Gideon does become a great military strategist and is uniquely used by God to free his countryman from Mideonite bondage. Is Gideon an exception or is this how God does it with all of his image bearers?
5. Has this idea been missed in modern Christianity and if so, why?
6. Talk about why it might just be easier for Gideon to stay hiding in the wine press making excuses.

Psalm 139:13-15

7. What stands out to you about this psalm?

8. How does this psalm speak into this idea of each image bearer of God being called into something specific and wonderful?

9. What's off in the world? What's missing in the church? What needs to be done in the family? Why are these questions so central to a good understanding of the good news of the gospel?

Mark 1:16

10. Jesus called a man named Simon, but Jesus renamed him Peter, which means rock or solid foundation. Was that new name significant for Peter's role in God's story?

11. Why does Jesus uniquely speak or name or call each person in a different way?

12. What is God saying to you? What has God said to you? What are you discovering about your unique and specific role within God's larger story?