

INVITATIONS

A handbook for exploring
who God is creating you to be
from **Greenhouse**



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We use the phrase, “Who God is creating you to be,” a lot in these parts. This handbook is designed to help you start to explore what that might mean for your life. We believe that God has a purpose for your life. We also believe that stepping into that purpose will lead to the best possible life you can live. Your purpose is very likely different than everyone else’s purpose, and there is not a ranking or hierarchy for purposes. If you were created to be a missionary in Africa, then doing that will put you on a path towards the full, meaningful life that Jesus proclaimed he came to bring us. If you were not created to be a missionary in Africa, then doing that will not be the best possible life you can live. So we want to discover who God is creating *you* to be.

So, we’ve created this book to start to capture who you are, what you’ve been through, what makes you *you*. There are a lot of questions here. The point isn’t to answer them all, but rather to lean into the questions that seem to spark something as you work through them. Take your time. Approach each question prayerfully. Ask God to stir up the answers you may have forgotten or dismissed. And, as much as you’re able, bring your answers into your community, whether that’s Greenhouse or somewhere else. Claim who God is creating you to be, and let others support and help you into your next steps.

Remember, when we hear the word “calling,” it’s an invitation from God to do the things that will lead to the best possible life right here and right now. This is an invitation to matter. It’s an invitation to live your life to the full and to let go of your fears. To search for meaning, to break routines and to go deeper. To make a difference. To not be alone.

To dream. Maybe even to change the world.

DREAMPAGE

Recall all of the dreams you've had, and list them out.

Astronaut. President. Singer. Parent. To cook like a professional. To visit the Grand Canyon. To fly an airplane...

Childhood Dreams

Adulthood Dreams

LIFE RESUMÉ

EDUCATION

Classes, degrees & more...

WORK EXPERIENCE

Jobs, paid or unpaid

VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

Extracurriculars, clubs, organizations, stuff you just got drafted into...

IN MY SPARE TIME

What you do for fun, books you loved, music you listen to, a perfect Sunday afternoon, etc...

CHURCH STUFF

Experiences in ministry or anything that's been a direct result of your relationship with a church

SPECIAL SKILLS, ABILITIES & TALENTS

Sing, preach, climb that rockwall...

MISCELLANEOUS

Anything else that made you *you*...

LIFE BIBLIOGRAPHY

WHAT HAVE I LOVED & HATED ABOUT ALL THAT APPLY

High School

College

Growing up

My family

My marriage

Church

Working in general

Specific past jobs

The job I'm in now

LIFESTORM

When you fall asleep at night, where do you wish you were?

What topics instantly change your mood?

What do you enjoy the most? What gets you amped?

What causes fire you up?

What makes you unsettled? What makes you angry?

What needs do you long to fill for your family, friends & others you meet?

If money, time & resources were no object, where do you think your life could have the most impact?

What dreams have been put on hold by the demands of daily life?

What are your natural talents & abilities?

When does your personality show others what God is like?

LIFE WHITE PAPER

What stands to you as you look back on your answers in handbook?

If it were up to me, what would I do with the rest of my life? Where would I do it? What's important and what's not important?

What am I pretty sure I don't want to do?

What ideas do I have about God's call on my life? How can I begin to step into them?



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