



OVERWHELMED

BY GOD'S GRACE & GENEROSITY

WEEK 1: CALLED OUT

ICE BREAKER

WORSHIP

PRAYER

SERMON REWIND

The origin of Water of Life wasn't about planning, but about broken people responding to God's grace and call. They saw themselves called to more than their career and being good, but as the ecclesia—called out to be the Church, a river of life, not a reservoir. **Revelation 22:1-7** became a defining vision, reminding them that everything rests on God's provision and grace, not strategy.

KEY VERSES

Look up theses additional verses:

John 4:1-26

John 7:38

Ephesians 2:8-9

Revelations 22:1-7

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1

Clinging to God

Water of Life's origins didn't begin with a clear, defined plan, but a group of people who were desperate for and obedient to God's move.

- a. Why do we desire for God to move in certainty? How does uncertainty actually draw us closer to Him?
- b. How do we stay in obedience even when it's uncertain? How can you rely on the truth that God is on your side?

2

We Are Called by God

God calls us, more than in a job or achievement, He calls us to be the Church, which is His people representing Christ in each setting of our life.

- a. In what ways do you feel called to do more than just your everyday role as a student or employee?
- b. In what ways have you, or might you begin to step into that calling?

3

Rivers not Reservoirs

Pastor explained that the founders of Water of Life began to believe that the Church should be a river not a reservoir.

- a. Is your life more like a *reservoir* (collecting for yourself) or a river (flowing outward)? Where do you see both at play?
- b. Who in your life right now might be thirsty for the water of life? How might you encourage them in this season they're in?

4

Trusting in God

God has a plan for each of us, yet it is easy to become reluctant, whether it be fear, anxiety, or doubt.

- a. When has fear, anxiety, or doubt made it hard for you to trust God's plan for your life?
- b. Looking back, can you think of a time when God's plan turned out better than what you imagined? How does that encourage you now?

Dependent on God

Founders of WOL, like the first church, knew they were called to more, yet it was dependent upon God's grace, not their own strength.

- a. Has there been a time that you've tried to handle a difficult task or issue alone? How did that go?
- b. In what ways can we be dependent on God's grace in our difficult tasks or issues?

DIVE DEEPER

Personal Reflection: God's call urges us to obey what is sometimes uncomfortable, which makes obedience hard.

- Where has God called you to obey, but you've put it off because it's hard?
- What is a step you can take towards obedience this week?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Yielding to God—This week:

- Ask God where He wants you to say "yes."
- Practice saying "yes" in the small things.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you acknowledge His voice and choose obedience where it's hard.

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

CLOSING SCRIPTURE

John 14:26, *"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."*

Let the group rest in that promise as you close together in prayer.

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