

Guided Conversation Prompt

Called Together: Courage, Calling, and Mutuality

Purpose:

To create space for men and women to listen to one another's stories of calling, courage, and obedience—and to discern how God may be inviting the community to grow in mutuality marked by equity and grace.

Opening Frame (Leader Reads Aloud)

Courage in God's Kingdom is rarely loud or self-assured. More often, it looks like a quiet yes—offered in trust, shaped over time, and sustained through obedience.

When we listen well to one another's callings, we learn not only about God's work in individuals, but about how God forms a people who lead together.

Invite the group to approach the conversation with curiosity, humility, and a posture of listening rather than problem-solving.

Conversation Prompts

1. Remembering the Call

This grounds the conversation in story rather than theory.

- Where did you first sense God's invitation to lead or serve beyond yourself?
- What did courage look like for you in that moment—confidence, hesitation, obedience, or something else?

Encourage sharing without commentary or correction. This is about being witnessed, not evaluated.

2. Naming What Shapes Courage

This helps the group recognize formation, not just outcomes.

- What has helped your courage grow over time?

- What has made responding to God’s call more difficult or complex?

Optional follow-up:

- How have gender expectations—spoken or unspoken—shaped your experience of calling or leadership?

3. Listening for God in Community

This shifts the focus from individual calling to shared discernment.

- Where have you seen God at work when men and women lead together well?
- What practices or postures help us discern faithfully as a community rather than as individuals alone?

4. Discerning the Invitation Before Us

This turns reflection into shared imagination without rushing action.

- As we listen to these stories, what do we notice God stirring among us?
- Where might God be inviting us to greater trust, equity, or shared courage in this season?

Closing Reflection (Leader Reads)

Mutuality is not something we achieve—it is something we practice. It grows as we listen, honor one another’s callings, and say yes—together—to the work God places before us.

Invite a moment of silence, then close with a prayer for wisdom, humility, and courage shaped by obedience and grace.