

Called To Our Path

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Look

The term vocation (a strong feeling for a particular occupation) is unfortunately not very commonly used these days. The implication of following a vocation is more noble than just working a job. It involves a combination of discernment and intention and perhaps just a bit of selflessness.

1. Describe whether your occupation is just a job or a vocation. Did it start that way?
2. Have you ever had anyone help you identify your potential vocations?
3. In your experience, what prevents people from pursuing a true vocation?

Book

John 10:1-10

This passage is bookended with two stories of Jews demonstrating their willful blindness towards Jesus being the Christ. With that framing, Jesus makes a bold statement about who he is to the disciples, which they won't fully understand until later, if ever.

1. What does it mean to you for Jesus to be the "shepherd" and the "gate"? Are those two metaphors in conflict with each other?
2. How does Jesus' statements here frame your view of other faiths?
3. Describe something you feel is unique about how Jesus guides you in your life. Why is it significant that he guides you differently than others?

Took

Although there are often some similarities, we all walk a different spiritual path. Our similarities allow us to empathize with each other. Our differences allow us to value each other. What's important is that we choose to walk the path that we are each called to, and we make that choice each day.

1. Do our differences or our similarities help give you more strength to walk the spiritual path you are called to?
2. What makes it hard for you to accept or understand the path that someone else is called to?
3. What is one thing you can do this week to more fully embrace the unique path you feel called to walk?