

The first two weeks of Go Bananas have been focused on hearing clearly from God through worship, fasting, and prayer. In the third week, we focus on understanding exactly how God has prepared us as individuals for specific work. We will challenge you to think beyond the simple skill-based answers and really examine what resources God has gifted you with to use in ministry.

What Do You Think?

- Do you think of yourself as “set apart” for something unique? Why or why not?
- Have you ever had an experience where it was obvious that God had prepared you for a specific moment or season? How so?

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”
Colossians 3:17 (ESV)

What Does God Say?

- **Read Colossians 3:17.** It’s natural for us to wait for God to show us what our purpose is. However, God always has a purpose for us both in the future AND our present season. How does this mentality change our perspective as we wait for clarity on the future?

“Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God.” 1 Samuel 17:36 (ESV)

- We have many examples in scripture of people who were specifically prepared for a task. Discuss how the following people were “set apart” based on what you read and know of their story:
 - **Joseph – Genesis 41:37-43** (Joseph Rises to Power)

- **Moses - Exodus 3:1-12** (Burning Bush)
 - **David – 1 Samuel 17:31-37** (David & Goliath)
 - **Paul – 2 Corinthians 11:22-23** (*Paul's Resume*)
- The apostle Paul used his uniqueness to relate to different types of people. It was purposeful. **Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23.** What is the purpose of Paul's uniqueness? What is the purpose of ours?

What Will You Do?

- Often times others have a better perspective of us than we have of ourselves. Share with others in your group what you think their strengths and opportunities for ministry might be.
- If you are not currently serving anywhere in the church, what are you willing to try? Even if you don't find the right fit, God will likely give you clarity *as you are serving*. Is there anything the group can do to help you?
- How could you use your uniqueness specifically through Go Bananas?

If you or your group would like to serve through Go Bananas, get connected here:

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