

2018 *Just Women* Bible Study “Called for God’s Purpose”

Lesson 1

Title: Rahab the prostitute used for God’s purpose

Scripture: Joshua 2:1-24 and 6:17-25

By Rev. Thandi Mngoma

Summary: Although Rahab may be considered far from the ideal person to be used for God’s purpose, God uses her to fulfill God’s saving plan for the Israelites.

Lesson 2

Title: Abigail, woman of wisdom and action

Scripture: 1 Samuel 25:1-42

By Rev. Thandi Mngoma

Summary: Despite the difficult situation she is in, Abigail is used for God’s purpose when she balances her gifts of wisdom, leadership, hospitality, and humility to save her family.

Lesson 3

Title: Equipped for the call

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-9

by Rev. Khalia J. Williams, PhD

Summary: When God calls us to assignments that are bigger than we ever imagined, God has already placed in us everything we need to accomplish the call. Therefore, we can confidently walk in God’s will for our lives knowing that God has equipped us for the call.

Lesson 4

Title: Positioned for purpose

Scripture: Acts 16:11-15, 40

by Rev. Khalia J. Williams, PhD

Summary: Because Lydia took time away from the busyness of her life to worship God, she was positioned to hear the gospel, become a believer in Christ, transform her entire household, and offer hospitality to Paul and his traveling companions. She was positioned for purpose.

Lesson 5

Title: No toaster, no spatula, no frying pan

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

by Rev. Bonnie Thurston, PhD

Summary: While we may think we understand the story of Mary and Martha, a closer look at the text in Luke’s Gospel reveals that both women are answering the call to discipleship.

Lesson 6

Title: Two called women in Romans 16

Scripture: Romans 16

by Rev. Bonnie Thurston, PhD

Summary: Paul's many references to women in a full range of roles in the early church indicate both his approval of and reliance on women who were also called to spread the gospel.

Lesson 7

Title: Women's moral agency in the early church

Scriptures: Acts 4:36-5:11(Sapphira); Acts 16:1-5; 2 Timothy 1:1-7 (Lois and Eunice); Acts 18:1-4, 18, 24-28 (Priscilla)

by Rev. Katie Hays, DMin

Summary: The stories of several women in the New Testament – namely Sapphira, Lois and Eunice, and Priscilla – have important lessons to teach us about how God has gifted all of us – women and men – with moral agency.

Lesson 8

Title: Huldah and Anna, prophets of God

Scriptures: 2 Kings 22, 2 Kings 23:1-3, 21-30 (Huldah); Luke 2:21-40 (Anna)

by Rev. Katie Hays, DMin

Summary: Huldah of the Hebrew Bible and Anna of the New Testament are two woman-prophets who demonstrate their purpose and calling as they hear from and speak for God.