

Right Time and Place

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This Bible study and meditation enables you to discover the joy of living free knowing you're in the right place, at the right time.

For

Adult / Couple

Season

Summer

Needed

A quiet place, Bible, paper, pens

Prepare in Advance

Locate a quiet place where you can share as a couple
Mark Psalm 139:1-18, and Jeremiah 1:4-10

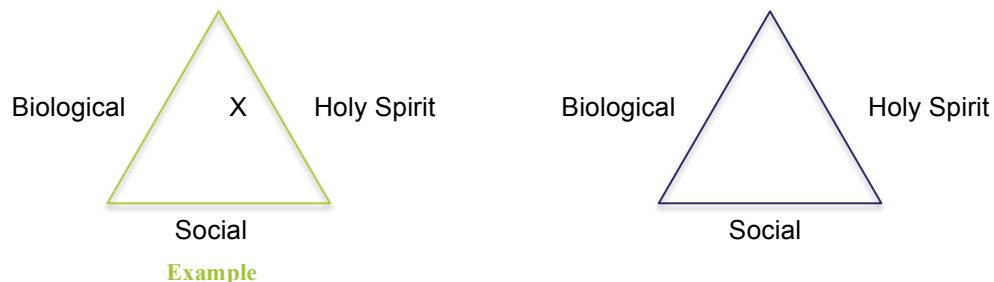


Activity Plan

1. Say this prayer aloud to begin.

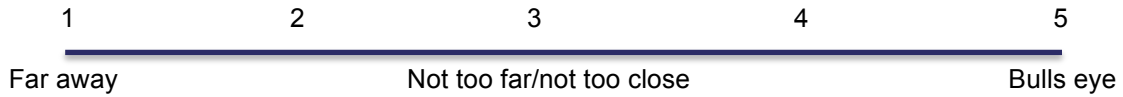
O Lord, who formed our inward parts, and who consecrated us before we were born, like Jeremiah, use us here and now; in the place and time where we are at today, and lead us along the path of witness and service. Amen.

2. Use your Bible and take turns reading Psalm 139:1-18, and Jeremiah 1:4-10, or see the text on the last page.
3. Using your paper and pen answer the following questions (At first individually).
 - What has the greatest influence in your life: biological factors, social environment, or the movement of the Holy Spirit. These are what join together to make us who we are. In the triangle below, indicate the point where you believe these forces intersect in your life. (The closer the point is to a side, the stronger the influence. Thus a life where the Holy Spirit was the primary force, with biological factors a close second and social environment a distant third would look like the example.)



- Looking back on your life, how has the Holy Spirit molded you and guided you to be who and where you are today—as an individual and also as a couple?

- On a scale of 1 to 5 indicate where you feel you are in relation to where you believe God wants you to be—as an individual and as a couple. (Be ready to explain your answer)



4. Share your answers with your partner and discuss their implications.
5. End this time together with this, or a similar prayer.

Thank you, Lord, for calling us to be your people—your witnesses and servants. May we celebrate this good news and live lives that reflect your love and grace.

Search Me O God, and Know My Heart

Psalm 139:1-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

The Call of Jeremiah

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God ! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." 7 But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me,

"Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

