



Discussion Guide for “Selling Light Bulbs”

Fear & Desire Week 3

Even once we discover what we love, we struggle to connect with our calling because our loves seem so ordinary. But the story of Chiune Sugihara and Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 12 remind us that when the Spirit leads, even the most mundane activities are extraordinary.

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10](#)

[Psalm 19](#)

[Luke 4:14-21](#)

[1 Corinthians 12:12-31a](#)

[Ephesians 2:10-22](#)

Questions for Discussion

1. Do you connect more with Chiune Sugihara the diplomat or the light bulb salesman? Why?
2. Paul compares us to Christ's body. Why is it significant that Christ's body, the body we make up, is a *broken* body? What would a king's broken body have represented to ancient listeners?
3. How does Paul use the body metaphor to challenge all of us who think our gifts and callings are ordinary?
4. Share with someone how you think they're gifted. How do you see God working through them? Allow them to share with you as well.
5. What new insights have you gained from sharing? What can you do this week use those gifts for the common good?