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Hello Friend,

Welcome to our next edition of Teachers Talking 2019. One of the biggest questions being asked in the 21st Century is “What does it mean to be human?” It is a provocative question which needs a biblical response. This edition of Teacher’s Talking will further build on the profound truth of being made in the image of God “*Imago Dei*” as we understand our calling to be culture makers. We trust this will be a valuable contribution to how you influence and direct students to live the lives God intends them to live whilst engaging their call to be culture makers.

You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honour.” (Psalm 8:5)

Grace and Peace,



The purpose of life is informed by our foundational beliefs about what it means to be truly human and the meaning of life. Deep in the hearts of humans is the desire to fulfil a purpose bigger than themselves. Each child longs to know that their life is significant. In Australia, the answer to why a student needs an education is often so they can be equipped to get a job. Education, however, reduced to this is not true to who God created us to be. The wonder of Christian education is that we can assist students to make a life, not merely a living. As image-bearers, they are to make something of the world. *God invites them to steward his earth and care for and develop it.* (Genesis 1:28)

Education as a journey to shalom is about the holistic flourishing of all creation. Each student is called and gifted by God for a creative task, not just defined as a job or function, but as an expression of faith to bless others and make culture where humans can flourish because it expresses the goodness and beauty of God.

“Teachers and students have a unique, eternal calling to count for good in God’s great universe” (D. Willard)

What a privilege we have as teachers to walk alongside our students to help them discover and explore God’s call upon their lives.

1. As a teacher, do you have a deep sense of God’s call upon your life? What difference does this make to your work?
2. Have we asked students recently what they think school is for?
3. How do we help our students to explore their giftedness?
4. How do we encourage students to discover their own sense of purpose and engage with a life-task?
5. Do students hear stories of those in the past who have followed God’s call in their lives?
6. Do students have opportunities to tell their own stories about how they have used their gifts to serve God and others?

May each of us be inspired by these words that remind us that it is God Himself who calls each student to a life of purpose.

“Calling is the truth that God calls us to Himself so decisively that everything we are, everything we do, and everything we have is invested with a special devotion, dynamism, and direction lived out as a response to his summons and service.” (OS Guinness)

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