**Script for Week 8 LTCL**

**Blackaby Introduction**

We are very excited to have Dr. Richard Blackaby join us this evening, thanks to a long ago connection Laura had with him.

Dr. Blackaby, thank you so much for taking the time to join us as we wrap up our calling class where your book has been an integral part of us hearing from the Lord and seeing Him at work.

Would you like to start out with a few thoughts and comments for us?...

I’m going to open it up to the class to share ways that the book has impacted them...

Does anyone have any questions for Dr. Blackaby? (How has receptivity to the book changed over the years?)...

We have some other testimonies from past participants we thought you might like to hear as well. (Craig read some.)...

Thank you so much for your time and your heart for helping people grow closer to the Lord and join Him in His work. It's having a significant impact!

***After Intentional Eternal Influencer***

**Legendary Oaks of Righteousness :30 Becky**

Laurena talked about planting seeds in that quote from the song from Hamilton.

Taking our biblical illustration that we’ve used all semester and considering ourselves as Oaks of Righteousness, our prayer is that we all will be planting seeds every day we take a breath.

Perhaps we can take some lessons on leaving a legacy from one of the most famous oak trees in the world, The Major Oak in Sherwood Forest pictured here. It’s estimated between 800 – 1,000 years old. And it’s still producing acorns.

They’ve collected acorns from the tree and planted a forest of 300 ‘mini-Major Oaks’ to continue the tree’s legacy which have been growing for more than 15 years now, and continuing the Major Oak’s legacy.

**Life Calling Reports 30: + 26:30 Becky**

Now it’s your turn! Let’s talk about the acorns you are currently growing!

We’re excited to hear your stories of how God is growing and leading you. You’ll be sharing your Life Calling reports now.

In the world of training, education and even parenting, there’s a concept of things being taught and things being caught. We’ve taught you through the semester, but now let’s sit back and “catch” i.e. be inspired by what others have heard from God in the class.

We are not a large group, so it’s not too intimidating. We’d love at least some of you to share up here so that we can capture it on video.

Remember:

5 Minutes Per Person

We will have a timer person

***ENJOY! This is a time to show off what God has done and is doing!***

After 7 or so have shared

Now let’s have any of you who were too shy to share in the big group, go ahead and share in your cohort. Even if you didn’t get the official report done, share some things God has taught you – an A-Ha.

After Big Group sharing plans

Big Group A-has?

**Key Objectives Review 1:30- Becky**

As we wrap up tonight, we wanted to go back to what we shared the very first night on our objectives for this course.

Of course foundational is that relationship with Christ!

**We wanted you to KNOW:** How God has gifted you and called you to serve both Him and humanity.

**We wanted you to FEEL:** Empowered by understanding your gifting, strengthened in your relationship with God, and supported in executing your plan.

**And finally we wanted you to DO: To take action steps** to serve in ministry which will allow you to confirm your calling, grow your gifts and live out your life calling plan.

8 weeks is an artificial deadline to feel “finished” with this. You are undoubtedly still in process on of these objectives. Consider this course a launchpad or springboard to help you move forward.

Because honestly, look at them carefully, we will never be DONE until we see Jesus face to face!

**Evaluation Becky :30 + 8:30**

We greatly value your feedback so we’d like you to take some time in class tonight to fill out the evaluation you’ll find as the last page of tonight’s handout. We always really pay attention to these and I can say that the workshop we started 13 years ago looks very different from tonight’s thanks for feedback from earlier participants.

**Mission Exploration Spotlight Becky – Civic Engagement, Prison, DreamTogether2030.com**

As we wrap up our final mission exploration spotlight, we wanted to profile a couple additional options for your consideration

Civic engagement can be an opportunity to have a significant impact of helping a biblical worldview be represented in our communities.

Prisons are known to be very fertile fields for people open to learning more about the Lord. There are some really vibrant ministries working in this area. We had a woman from an earlier class start to serve in one of the ministries listed in your ME handout from week 1

Finally DreamTogether2030 is an amazing ministry that is working to better our greater Austin community.

This is my final time teaching tonight, so I just wanted to say thank you for allowing me to walk alongside you in this journey and see what the Lord is doing in your lives. I’ll look forward to seeing some of you around and hearing more!

**Laurena – Testimony, Acknowledgements, Commissioning**