

# Is senior year too late to talk about vocation?

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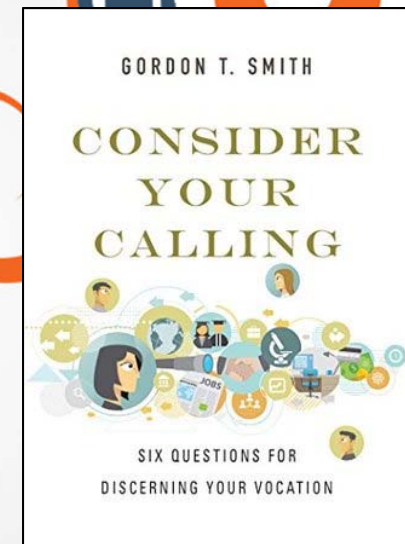
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# What questions does Senior Seminar ask of students?

- What is the central narrative of your life?
- How do you see yourself and present and yourself to others?
- What beliefs make up how reality works for you?
- What do you believe you should do? What are your highest priorities? Why?
- What is a good life? How will you achieve it?
- How will you make a difference in the world?

# *Consider Your Calling: Six Questions for Discerning Your Vocation*

- Gordon T. Smith, President, Ambrose University and Seminary in Calgary, Alberta
  - InterVarsity Press, 2015
1. What on Earth is God doing?
  2. Who are you?
  3. What is your stage of life?
  4. What are your life circumstances?
  5. What is the cross you will have to bear?
  6. What are you afraid of?



# How do Senior Seminar instructors address vocation directly?

- Self-Disclosure
- Thought Experiments
- Books
  - Schwehn and Bass, eds., *Leading Lives that Matter*
  - Philip Yancey, *Soul Survivor: How Thirteen Unlikely Mentors Helped My Faith Survive the Church*
  - Phillip Cary, *Good News for Anxious Christians: Ten Practical Things You Don't Have to Do*
- Theological Understanding

# Three Stories

- “Opposite” Majors
- The Lifeview Paper:  
Delayed Reaction
- Spring Term: The Haves and the Have Nots

**So, is senior year too late  
to talk about vocation?**

**No**

and

**Yes**