



## Objective, Big Idea & Biblical Focus:

Help participants turn the stunning clarity they have personally with the two words of their One Thing into a short phrase that they can use to articulate their calling to others.

**BIG IDEA:** Your LifeCall statement gives meaningful language to what you can't help but do in all that you do.

Philippians 3:12-14

## How it Works:

Share the Ernest Hemingway illustration:

“For Sale: Baby’s shoes. Never worn.”

Give the Hemingway challenge to the participants:

- Each participant has 6 minutes to come up with 6 words that explain their One Thing as a calling statement. The goal is clarity with easy accessibility.

## Coaching Tips:

Use the fabricated pressure of 6 minutes to stir creativity and fight for best language with every syllable. If needed, share the ‘Embrace the Shake’ TED talk video to show how embracing limitations stirs creativity.





## Reference:

Journey 1, pg. 107



Session 11

### Six Word Challenge

Legend has it that one day Ernest Hemingway was walking down the sidewalk when a woman came up to him and challenged him to write a compelling story in six words or less. Hemingway took the challenge and later emerged from his study with this six word story — For Sale: Baby's Shoes. Never Worn. In those six short words Hemingway stirred our emotions and stoked our imaginations. To think that so much could be said in such few words is absolutely remarkable.

As we think about our calling statements, we want to issue you a six word challenge. Based on your two words, how would you articulate with stunning clarity your two words to someone else in six words?

#### Six Word Calling Statement Examples

**Dave R.**

**2 Words**    Fostering Congruence

**6 Words**    "Making the church a change-agent again!"

**Kim R.**

**2 Words**    Intentionalizing Integration

**6 Words**    "Helping people make every moment matter"

**Chad P.**

**2 Words:**    Igniting Passion

**6 Words:**    "Coaching people everywhere with the gospel"

