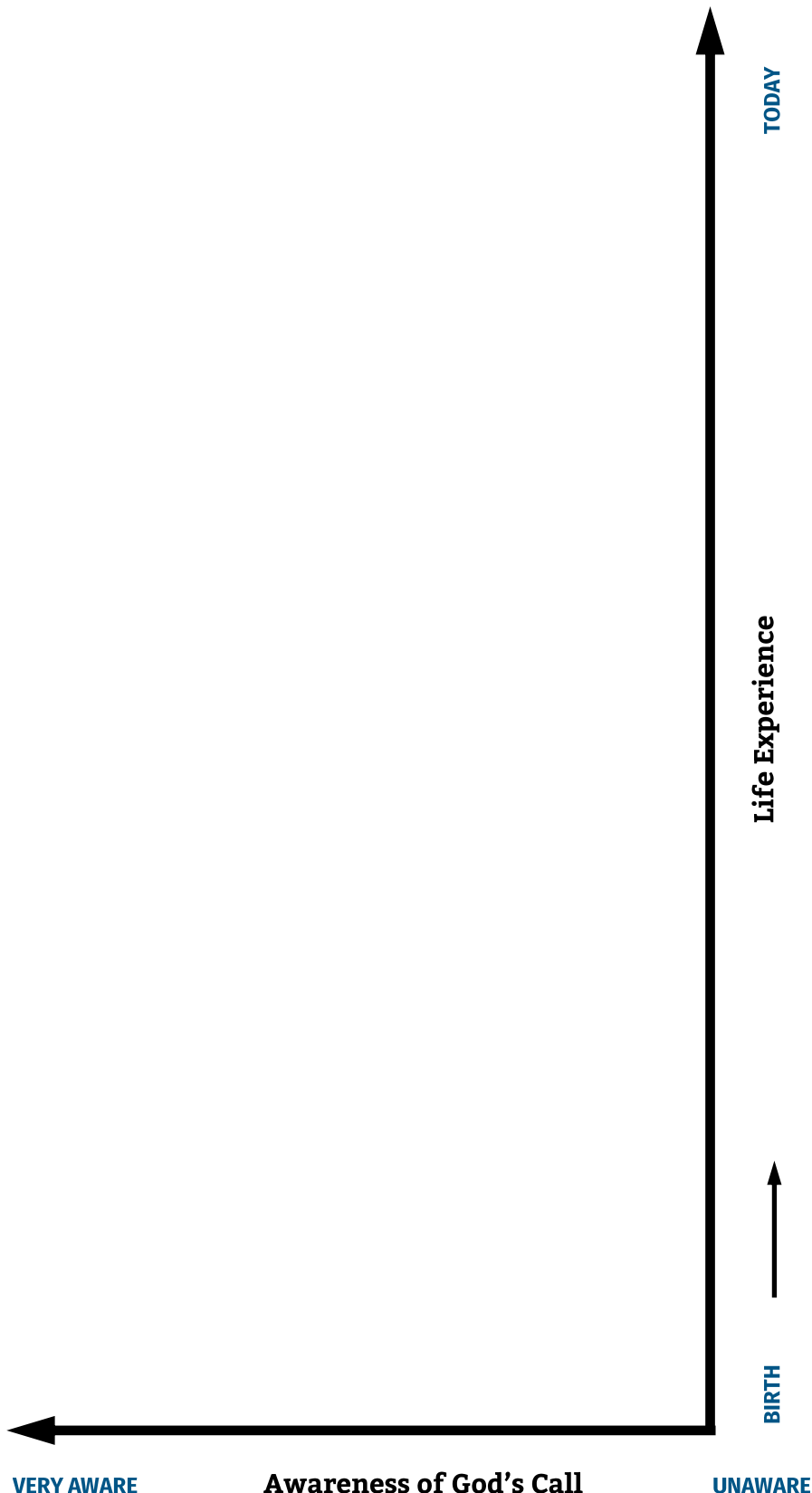


# THE BIG PICTURE

## GROWING LEADERS



### A WORD OF CAUTION

It is important to have a 'whole Bible' understanding of call. The Old Testament narratives give important principles: God speaks, we need to listen. But it is essential to read them in conjunction with what the New Testament has to say.

### NT CALLING

- Primary calling: to discipleship (Mark 2:17). It is a call to belong, with others, to Christ and to follow him.
- Particular calling: to discern God's particular call for our life. This is different for everyone. We are all expected to do whatever God leads us to as though we were doing it for Jesus (Colossians 3:17, 23).

### YOUR BIG PICTURE

Turn the sheet to landscape orientation to complete the graph (right). The horizontal axis is a time line from birth to today. Use the vertical axis to plot a series of points in your life according to your varying awareness of God's call. Join the points to create a line. How has your awareness of God's call related to other aspects of your life? For example, a new job, difficulties in a relationship, a bereavement.