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BEING AN EVERYDAY ADVOCATE – GO AND... BE HONEST

As Christians, we are called and anointed to bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed. In *The Everyday Advocate*, Deacon Ross Murray helps Christians explore our individual callings to justice and start taking practical steps to live that out.

The Everyday Advocate is for the layperson who feels overwhelmed by the world's troubles and helpless to address them. It is for the person who goes to church, hears the gospel, seeks to apply it to their lives, and yearns to be connected to, or create, a community that amplifies their voice and actions. It is also for pastors and faith leaders who want to help people think through their calling to advocacy and help connect them with the communities that can use their gifts and talents.

Murray builds on two questions: Where is God? And what are we called to do? Viewing every action and phenomenon as theological, he stakes out values and shows readers how to work toward those values. He also distinguishes between direct service and cultural change, discussing the balance between them and acknowledging both are needed.

Drawing on his own experience and exercising his pastoral spirit, Murray encourages readers to discern their own call to advocacy, learn to identify injustices that still reign, and respond faithfully by incorporating big and small actions into their everyday lives.

Deacon Ross served as our guide at the November 2023 LYON gathering encouraging high school youth and their leaders to lean into the role of advocate like Esther and be intentional in learning like Nicodemus. Invite youth who participated in LYON to lead an advocacy conversation in your congregation.

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