



### Three simple words that ask:

- How **intentional** are you with your life?

It pays to take life seriously; things work out when you trust in God. Proverbs 16:20 (MSG)

So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. Ephesians 5:15-17

- If we're not serious about life we get **distracted** in life.

Teach us to number our days and recognize how few they are; help us to spend them as we should. Psalm 90:12 (TLB)

- It's never **too late** in life to get serious about your life.

### Why knowing our purpose is so important:

- Knowing your purpose affects your **attitude**.
- Knowing your purpose gives you **hope**.
- Knowing your purpose **focuses** your life.
- Knowing your purpose defines your **direction**.
- Knowing your purpose produces **passion**.

### Your purpose is important because:

- The purpose of your life defines the **significance** of your life.

- We seek to find purpose in our **"What"**.
- Knowing your purpose comes from understanding your **"Why"**.

### We need to begin with this issue:

- Why do I **exist**?

Why was I born? Was it only to have trouble and sorrow, to end my life in disgrace? Jeremiah 20:18 (TEV)

You're either a part of nature's **chance** or God's **choice**.

God created you **on purpose** and for **a purpose**.

For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible...everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. Colossians 1:16 (Msg)

The significance of your life reflects the **author** of your life.

The Lord has made everything for **his own purpose**... Proverbs 16:4a (GWT)

- You were created to be **loved** by God.

Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, and settled on us as the **focus of his love**, to be made whole and holy by his love. Ephesians 1:4 (Msg)

- You were created for **relationship with Jesus**.

It's in Christ that we find out **who we are** and **what we are living for**... part of the **overall purpose** he is working out in everything and everyone." Ephesians 1:11 (Msg)

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord... 1 Peter 3:15

- You were created to make a **difference**.

"God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to **help each other**, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings." 1 Peter 4:10

You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which God planned in advance for us to live our lives doing. Ephesians 2:10 (NCV)

When you discover your **"Why"**, your **"What"** will take care of itself.



## TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

### Questions for Connection Groups:

*These questions also work well for personal time with God.*

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- In your own words, how do we live an intentional life without distractions? What does intentional life look like for a Christ follower?
- Do you ever feel that it's too late to get back on track? What are some steps to overcome this mindset?
- How does the purpose of our life define the significance of our life? Do you think that most people are serious about their purpose in life? Why?
- Explain in your own words the reason discovering our purpose is in understanding our "WHY". How does understanding our "Why" give us purpose?
- People have many reasons for existing: Family, success, career, etc What are some other reason people exist for?
- If God created us on purpose for a purpose, shouldn't we take that seriously? What are steps we can take to be more intentional with God's purpose for our life?
- Are you investing in allowing God to love you? How do we do that?
- Are you investing in your relationship with Jesus? How are you doing that?
- Are you investing in making a difference in the lives of others? How are you doing that?
- Have you found it to be true that when we discover our "Why", our "What" takes care of itself? What does that mean to you?

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