

Wise choices will watch over you. Understanding will keep you safe. Proverbs 2:11 (NLT)

• God gives everyone a **<u>choice</u>**.

19 "<u>Today I have given you the choice between life and death</u>, <u>between blessings and curses</u>. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! 20 <u>You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and committing</u> <u>yourself firmly to him</u>. <u>This is the key to your life</u>. Deuteronomy 30:19-20 (NLT)

• I choose God's **purpose** for my life.

The rewards of choosing God's purpose:

- Knowing God's purpose affects your <u>attitude</u>.
- Knowing God's purpose gives you hope.
- Knowing God's purpose focuses your life.
- Knowing God's purpose <u>fulfills</u> your life.

³⁶ "Now when <u>David had served God's purpose</u> in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed. Acts 13:36

Three principles of discovering God's purpose.

• God's purpose for you, is not about you.

² I cry out to God Most High, <u>to God who will fulfill his purpose for me</u>. Psalm 57:2 NLT

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

Purpose defined:

The purpose of something is its **<u>original intent</u>**.

We are created for <u>Heaven</u>, but we are living for this <u>world</u>.

Another principle of discovering God's purpose:

• We serve God's purpose by <u>surrendering</u> to God's purpose.

⁷⁰ He (God) chose his <u>servant David</u>, <u>calling him from the sheep pens</u>. ⁷¹ He took David from tending the ewes and lambs and made him the shepherd of Jacob's descendants—God's own people, Israel. Psalm 78:70-71 NLT

One last principle of discovering God's purpose:

• If you want to serve God's purpose, start **<u>serving God's people</u>**.

⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, <u>but to serve</u>, and <u>to give his life as a ransom for many</u>." Mark 10:45

Other Notes:



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE In a growing relationship with Jesus.

Questions that can be used in 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.
- How important are the small choices in your life? Do your small choices offer great rewards? Give an example if you can.
- As we begin, In your own words, explain what it means to you to live for God's purpose. Why is this important in the life of a Christ follower?
- Talk through the "rewards" we experience from this small choice of living for God's purpose.
- Read Acts 13:36. What does it mean that David served God's purpose in his own generation?
- Do you believe that you are serving God's purpose for your generation? What does that mean to you?
- Why is it difficult for us to accept that God's purpose for us is not about us?
- Read Jeremiah 20:18. Have you ever lost sight of God's purpose for your life like Jeremiah?
- What does it mean to "surrender" to God's purpose? Why is it that this can be difficult for us?
- Why is serving God's people important to living God's purpose?
- What are some ways we can serve people every day?

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I choose God's Purpose for my Life

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