

40 Days of Purpose: Don't Waste Your Life!

Life Group Agenda for the week of Sept 18th – 24th

WELCOME (2 min) – Welcome everyone. This is a time for us to focus outward on our relationships with one another. Share the Goals and 1 Guideline. This week, we are continuing our series titled, “*40 Days of Purpose.*” Let’s **stop and pray** for our church at this time.

DVD (20 min) – At this time you will select Week 1 from the DVD, watch the *Message first* and then *Worship*. We recommend you have everyone stand up during the worship time. (*You will be releasing the Children to their Kids Slot time after the worship.*)

WORD (45 min) – This is a time for us to focus inward and discover what the Lord is saying to us individually and collectively through His Word. **This week’s truth to be shared: God wants all of you and when you give all of you to Him, He will work everything else out.**

INTRODUCTION: What comes to mind when you hear the saying, “Life’s too precious to waste?”

Allow 5 – 7 minutes for this question.

OBSERVATION: Read Romans 6:13; Deuteronomy 10:12; Mathew 6:24 & Proverbs 3:6. What’s the common thing these verses tell us to do?

Read 1 Timothy 4:7, Hebrews 12:1 Luke 10:40-42; and Philippians 2:13. What is the common message in these verses?

Spend about 5 – 7 minutes on this question.

UNDERSTANDING: The first group of passages tells us we are to give ourselves to the Lord. What are some ways we can give ourselves to the Lord?

Spend about 15-20 minutes on the next set of questions.

Over and over these passages tell us that God wants all of us – every area of our lives. He wants us to give Him our relationships, our finances, our families, our careers, etc. We cannot serve our own desires and God’s desires at the same time, but He tells us that if we will give Him everything, He will work out everything else in our lives.

Understanding: Have you ever participated in a sporting event or been a part of an athletic team? What were some tangible sacrifices you had to make in order to have victory in your event/sport?

Understanding: Keeping in mind the passages read earlier, what comparisons can we make to our spiritual lives with our athletic/competitive experiences?

These passages discuss what it takes to fulfill the purposes of God in our lives. We must develop a disciplined approach to our growth as believers just like we do in athletic training. Paul is talking about time management here as he tells us we will have to get rid of some stuff to add to our schedule the things we have to do to fulfill God's purpose for our lives. Finally, there is a great promise. As we seek God and ask Him to help us in the process, He will give us the desire to do what He wants us to do and also give us the power to do what we desire.

APPLICATION: What are some things you need to add or remove from your life and your schedule that keep you from fulfilling God's purposes in your life?

Spend about 10 minutes on this question.

PRAY: Thank you for your Word and that it is alive and brings change in our lives. Help us to know what to remove out of our lives so that we can fulfill the wonderful purposes you have for each one of us.

Take time to pray for each others praise reports and prayer requests.

WITNESS (15 min) – This is a time for us to focus outward on our ministry to the world.

- ❖ Encourage everyone in the group to buy a copy of the Purpose Driven Life for \$7 from your campus resource area/bookstore.
- ❖ We will start reading the first day of "Purpose Driven Life" on Monday, September 26th.
- ❖ Share any praise reports from your FRAN list that you've been praying for.
- ❖ Sunday, October 16th - I Want to KNOW Lunch.
- ❖ Invite someone on your FRAN list to come to Life Group for the 40 Days of Purpose.
- ❖ We are collecting candy in for our October 31st event through Sunday, October 30th.
- ❖ Make Shared Ministry Assignments and then Fellowship together.

(Now is the time to welcome the children back into the group and let them share something about what they've learned. Have a brief time of prayer with the whole group before fellowship).