

40 Days of Purpose: ***What on Earth am I Here For!?!?***

Life Group Agenda for the week of Sept 25th - Oct. 1st

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 2 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: You were created by God and for God for His Own Purpose.**

Everything God has made was done so for a purpose. Every created thing was created for a purpose. You and I were created for God’s purposes. We were actually created for five purposes which we will discuss as we progress through the 40 days of purpose. People live at one of three levels: survival, success or significance. God wants each of you to live at the significance level. Significance comes from knowing the meaning of life; knowing how much you matter to God and from living out the five purposes for which you were created.

INTRODUCTION: What do you think the difference is between surviving through life, a successful life or a significant life?

Allow 5 – 7 minutes for this question.

OBSERVATION: Read Proverbs 16:4a & Ephesians 1:4, 11. What do these verses say about when God formed His plans and purposes for our lives?

Spend about 5 – 7 minutes on this question.

UNDERSTANDING: The passages of Scripture tell us that we were created for a God’s Purpose and that there is a reason we are alive. What is the reason you are alive?

Spend about 10 minutes on this question.

God did not create us for our own pleasures and self-gratification. He created us for His purposes which are far greater than your personal fulfillment. Too often we look within for our purpose instead of to the Lord. Before He ever created you, He had a purpose for you. The passage says He created you to love you. He wasn’t lonely nor did He need you for anything, He just wanted to love you.

UNDERSTANDING: In Ephesians 1:11, Paul states that it is in Christ that we find out who we really are and what we are living for. Discuss how knowing Christ helps us to discover who we really are and what we are to be living for.

If you want to know your purpose, you have got to know God. It all starts with knowing Him. The next 40 days will help you know God's purposes for your life.

APPLICATION: What are some changes you can make to go from surviving life or being successful in life to living a life of significance?

Spend about 10 minutes on this question.

PRAY: God we know that your purpose is for us to know you personally. Help us to commit to spending the time with you over the next 40 days to know you better.

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

- ❖ Share any praise reports from your FRAN list that you've been praying for.
- ❖ Sunday, October 16th - I Want to KNOW Lunch.
- ❖ Don't forget to pick up your copy of The Purpose Driven Life for \$7 at your campus resource area/bookstore.
- ❖ 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).