

# ***40 Days of Purpose: Planned for God's Pleasure!***

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Life Group Agenda for the week of October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8th

**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 3 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 to worship God.**

Worship may be a term that our society is not overall familiar with it is something our society easily teaches and practices. One generation passes on to the next the passion, support and admiration of their family favorite football team. Our society joins fan pages and knows every detail of their favorite movie star or music entertainer and they adorn their walls with posters and banners.

As a creation, we are designed for relationship and we are designed for worship. Worship is something that comes naturally to us, and a practice that is easily taught and passed down from generation to generation. What people worship distinguishes and even defines who they are.

**INTRODUCTION: If God created me to worship Him, what does that mean? How does it look?**

Allow 5 – 7 minutes for this question.

**OBSERVATION: Read Matthew 22:37-38 & Mark 12:30; Romans 12:1. What do these passages say about worship?**

Spend about 5 – 7 minutes on this question.

**UNDERSTANDING: We have been created to “love God back.” He created us and loved us from the beginning and He wants us to love Him back – that’s called worship. How can we love the Lord with our minds, our heart, our soul and our strength?**

Spend about 10 minutes on this question.

**UNDERSTANDING: God wants us to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice to him dedicated to Him and pleasing to Him. What does that mean? How does it look?**

When asked what the greatest commandment was, Jesus responded to Love the Lord your God... we are to love Him with everything in us. We do this as a response to His love. To offer ourselves as an act of worship. I offer Him my affection, my praise, my thoughts, my actions, my relationships, my finances, etc. I willingly choose to love and obey Him instead of fulfilling my own desires.

**APPLICATION: What are some ways you can offer yourself as a living sacrifice this week?**

Spend about 10 minutes on this question.

**PRAY: God, thank You for loving us and for the opportunity to love You back. Help us to worship You with everything we are and in everything we do.**

Pray for others needs and praise requests at this time.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> - I Want to KNOW Lunch.
- ❖ Don't forget to pick up your copy of The Purpose Driven Life for \$7 from 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 31<sup>st</sup> event through Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ 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).*