

40 Days of Purpose: Formed for God's Family

Life Group Agenda for the week of October 9th - 15th

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 4 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 a family. That’s why you’re alive. He planned before the beginning of the world that He wanted a family and He desires for you to be a part of that family.*

INTRODUCTION: **How many people are in your extended family and do you wish the number was larger or smaller? Explain why?**

Allow 5 – 7 minutes for this question.

OBSERVATION: **Read Hebrews 2:10; Ephesians 1:5; 1 Peter 2:17b. In these passages, what are the different traits or qualities used to describe God’s family, the church?**

UNDERSTANDING: **God’s Word teaches us that we are “*adopted into God’s family*”. How would you explain to a friend what it means to be adopted into God’s family?**

UNDERSTANDING: **What do you think would be important for someone to know about the idea of being adopted into God’s family?**

Spend about 10 minutes on this question.

UNDERSTANDING: **If Hebrews teaches us that all things are for God’s glory, even His family, the church. Then what does it look like as members of God family, the church, to reflect God’s glory in our day to day lives?**

APPLICATION: **Describe one area of your life were you know you need to do a better job of reflecting God’s glory in your life? What steps can you take to work on that area of your life this week?**

Spend about 10 minutes on this question.

PRAY: Who is one person that you know that you can share with this week about the importance of being a part of God's family? Write down their name and report back to the group how it went next week.

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 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 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).