

# ***40 Days of Purpose: Created to Become Like Christ***

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Life Group Agenda for the week of October 16<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>

**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 5 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: We were created to become like Christ.**

In order to become like Christ, we must first know who Christ is – how did He act, whom did He interact with, why He made the choices He made. We cannot hope to be like Christ if we have never met Him or if we don’t spend time getting to know Him. Becoming like Christ is a lifelong pursuit and cannot be accomplished overnight. Indeed, a lifetime of learning and studying would only scratch the surface.

**INTRODUCTION: Who was a role model of yours growing up, and why did you want to be like them?**

Allow 5 – 7 minutes for this question.

**OBSERVATION: Read Romans 8:29 and Ephesians 4:15. According to these verses, what is God’s desire for us?**

Spend about 5 – 7 minutes on this question.

**UNDERSTANDING: If we are to become like Christ, we must first have a clear understanding of who Jesus is. List some characteristics of Jesus. Review the following scriptures for more ideas:**

**Luke 2:52 – Jesus increased in wisdom, and was favored by God and man**

**Matt 14:14 – Jesus had compassion**

**Matt 4:1-11 – Jesus knew scriptures by heart and overcame temptation**

**Luke 6:12 – Jesus found a quiet place to pray, and prayed all night**

Spend about 10 minutes on this question.

Encourage your Life Group members to answer this next question honestly, and don’t forget that not all markers are positive – indeed the negative markers are often much more accurate in determining spiritual maturity.

**UNDERSTANDING: Read Ephesians 4:15. Growing up doesn't happen overnight. What are some markers in your life that show where you are spiritually?**

A person's testimony is the account of their life before Christ, how they came to know Christ as their Lord and Savior and their life after becoming a Christian. As a Christian goes through life they are to learn and grow in their relationship with God, and through that, God shapes and transforms their lives. This transformation process allows individuals to expand their testimony to include examples of being transformed, and how their personal actions and thought processes have changed over time during their walk and relationship with God.

**APPLICATION: Name one area of your life in which you need to become more like Jesus. What are some changes you can make this week to transform this area to be more like Jesus?**

Spend about 10 minutes on this question.

**PRAY: That you would mirror Christ more and more in your daily life. Thank God for allowing us the privilege of getting to know Him. Also take this time to pray for one another's praise reports, needs, and concerns.**

**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.
- ❖ It's not too late 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>.
- ❖ Don't stop... SERVE LIKE CRAZY, plan your Life Groups next serve event.
- ❖ 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).*