

40 Days of Purpose: Shaped for Serving God

Life Group Agenda for the week of October 23rd to 29th

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 6 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 shaped for serving God.**

One of the most awesome truths in the Bible is that we are God’s workmanship. God does not make mistakes. The little quirks that make us unique are precious to God. Also precious are our gifts, talents, and abilities. Whether our talents are physical, mental or relational (social), we have a responsibility to use these gifts, talents, and abilities in the way God has planned for us.

INTRODUCTION: Have you ever made a project or craft that you were really proud of? What was it?

Allow 5 – 7 minutes for this question.

OBSERVATION: Read Ephesians 2:10, Job 10:8 and 1 Peter 4:10. According to these verses, who made us and what is our purpose?

Spend about 5 – 7 minutes on this question.

Many people struggle with low self-esteem. They feel that they cannot be used by God. According to Scripture, there is nothing further from the truth. God does not make mistakes and we are precious in His sight.

UNDERSTANDING: Beginning with the understanding that God does not make mistakes—how does it feel to know that you were shaped by God and that you are called God’s workmanship?

Spend about 10 minutes on this question.

Many people struggle with self worth, they struggle to believe that they do matter and there is a purpose for their lives. Once people discover a purpose for their lives, they change everything in their lives in order to accomplish that purpose. (You have not lived life, until you found something worth dying for.) While discovering your purpose, it is important to discover that God loves you so much, He designed you with a specific purpose in mind.

UNDERSTANDING: Read Ephesians 2:10. God has already prepared what He wants you to do. Do you know what God's plans are for your life? If you do what are you doing to fulfill those plans? If you don't, are you willing to ask God to reveal His plans to you?

APPLICATION: Read 1 Peter 4:10. Name some of the gifts/talents/abilities God has given you. (If a person has a hard time naming any, this is an opportunity for the Life Group to share what they see in that person.) List some ways you can use your abilities to serve others this week. Choose one from this list to do this week.

Spend about 10 minutes on this question.

PRAY: That God would reveal to you the exact way you can serve Him this week. Thank Him for making you unique. 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.
- ❖ We are collecting candy in for our October 31st event through Sunday, October 30th.
- ❖ 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).