

40 Days of Purpose: Made for a Mission!

Life Group Agenda for the week of October 30th through November 5th

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 7 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 made for a mission.**

During “40 Days of Purpose” we’ve been looking at God’s purposes for your life. We said that the purpose of life is to prepare for eternity because you’re going to spend more time in eternity than you will here. So here on earth, God put you here to practice the four things you’re going to do in heaven. One, you’re going to learn to love and know God which we call *worship*. Two, you’re going to learn to love other people in God’s family which we call *fellowship*. Three, you’re going to grow in character to become more like Jesus Christ, that’s called *discipleship*. And last week we looked at how you’re going to serve God with your gifts and abilities He’s given you and the Bible calls that *ministry*.

Once you know how to do all four of these things then you come to the fifth purpose: God wants you to pass on what you know to other people. The fifth purpose: you were made for a mission.

INTRODUCTION: As a kid, what are one or two things you would tell people you wanted to do when you grew up?

Allow 5 – 7 minutes for this question.

OBSERVATION: Read John 17:18 and Acts 20:24. Who is speaking and who is the audience in these two passages?

Spend about 5 – 7 minutes on this question.

UNDERSTANDING: After reading John 17:18, what is the difference between a mission and a ministry?

Spend about 10 minutes on this question.

This is the difference between a mission and a ministry. A ministry is to believers. A mission is to unbelievers. You need a ministry in the church and you need a mission in the world. If you’re going to be a balanced believer you need both. You need a ministry to the body of Christ, the family of God and you need a mission in the world.

UNDERSTANDING: After reading Acts 20:24, how has the “good news of God’s grace” transformed your life? In other words, what would your life be like if you had never learned of Jesus?

UNDERSTANDING: How do you know if your life mission of sharing the good news of God’s grace is completed or not?

The mission and ministry that God has given each of us is a life long assignment. The details of how that mission and ministry may change over time, but the calling we have our lives to be in mission and ministry is one that we have responsibility of for the rest of our lives. What is included in the mission and ministry for our lives is the responsibility we have to share our testimony (our life before Christ and our life after Christ) with others.

APPLICATION: Who are one or two persons in your life that you have the opportunity to share about the Good News of God’s grace with, and what are some ways we as a life group can partner together to do so?

Spend about 10 minutes on this question.

PRAY: “Father, more than anything else I want to fulfill the purposes I was created for. Today I accept my mission on earth. I want You to use me anytime, any way, any place. I want to bring others to You. I want to serve Your purpose in my time and help our church to do the same. Help me to reach one more for Jesus. I pray in Your name.

Take time to also pray for those you listed by name, and that God would give you opportunities to share with them.

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.
- ❖ 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).