

WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE?

BIG IDEA

When paralyzing pain would send you into a downward spiral, choose Purpose.

SCRIPTURE

John 6:38

Matthew 28:16-20

OPENER

John mentioned the idea of latching onto God's purposes in times of pain or prosperity. How have you let God's purposes influence what you have done in your life to this point?

QUESTIONS

1. Has there been a time in your life when pain (physical, emotional, spiritual) started to cause a downward spiral? How could attaching onto GOD's purpose help you in that situation?
2. Is it harder to understand what God wants us to do in our lives or to commit to doing it? Explain.
3. What do you think your spiritual gift is? How do you put it into action serving God?
4. John shared how we are expressing our one purpose (Matthew 28:18-20) in four ways (our local church ministries, missions, next generation, and digital outreach). Are there ways this simple picture helps you to see how the ministries of our church fit together? In which of these four are you most called to serve?
5. We saw that God is working in remarkable ways in our church. This happens as we faithfully give, pray and serve. How is the Spirit nudging you to keep doing or start doing one of these three?
6. In the service we began praying through the CHANGEMAKERS prayer card. What will you do as a small group to hold each other accountable to continue praying these prayers daily?

TAKEAWAY

John quoted Steve Reeves in saying “The Church is the only organization that exists for the people that aren’t yet here.” Let’s ask God to soften our hearts and open our eyes with this reminder of why we exist as a Church.

REFERENCES

- Luke 23:28, 34
- John 6:38
- Matthew 10:5-10; 16
- Zechariah 4:6

DIGGING DEEPER

- In the sermon we heard examples of people suffering injustices in their lives but instead of bitterness chose the purposes of God. Are there people in your life that you have seen do this, and how did that impact your walk with the Lord?
- As a disciple of Christ discuss the statement: “Being a disciple means more than being a Church member and a believer.”
- Why do you think the command in the “Great Commission” is to go and make disciples?
- If God directs you to speak to someone about Jesus and being a Christian, would that be difficult to do? How would you go about it?
- If you are praying about God’s leading for your own ministry, why is it important to follow Zechariah 4:6?