



The TRUTH About – Purpose

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This Study Guide provides a summarised study with additional discussion questions based on the scriptures mentioned in the sermon.

Connect:

1. Have you ever asked yourself, what is my purpose?
2. Did you know, that one of the main purposes of the Bible is to help us discover our 'Purpose', both individually and together?

"The most dangerous thing in the world is to have no purpose."

Bishop TD Jakes

3. Why is having no purpose dangerous?
4. Have you lost your sense of purpose?
- The Cambridge Dictionary defines 'Purpose' as 'why you do something or why something exists'.

Engage:

5. Read [Mark 8:34-38](#)
6. What is the call of Christ?
7. There are 3 kinds of Giving:
 - **Give up your own way** - Change direction ('what and how' you do life)
 - **Give all of your 'life'** for the Gospel - Take up your Cross – display a willingness to 'carry responsibility'.
 - **Not Giving In! 'Persevere...'** as you follow Jesus - *People give up way too soon!*
8. Why do people give up?
9. What does it mean to 'gain the whole word but lose your own soul'?
10. What is the world worth?

Framework:

11. Read [Mark 8:36-37](#)
12. What is your life worth?
 - **Your life is worth what Jesus was prepared to pay for it!**
13. How do you find your purpose?

- a. Stop looking inward and start looking Heavenward
 - Read [Philippians 2:3](#)
 - Read [John 17:1](#) and [17-18](#)
 - Read [Acts 7:55](#)
 - b. Work with God and NOT against Him – His purpose always prevails
 - Read Proverbs 19:21
 - c. Discover God’s personal plan for you – This includes listening to Him, fellowship with others, being in relationship with the Holy Spirit, testing gifting, disciplines... through all of these things your capacity will grow.
 - God rarely reveals His big picture on day one, it is a process of discovery. The journey of faith ‘unfolds’.
 - Read [Luke 8:10](#)
 - In God’s Kingdom everything good will grow, that which is not good or not a priority is pruned.
14. What is stopping you from discovering your true purpose?

*“Life is about letting God use you for His purposes, not using Him for your own purpose.”
Rick Warren*

15. How do you fulfil your purpose?
- a. **Serving** is where everything starts, so get stuck in now!
 - God proclaims His call in every generation.
 - Read [Acts 13:36](#)
 - b. **Standing** in God’s Truth – ‘knowing’ your faith is firm and strong.
 - Read [1 Corinthians 16:13](#)
 - Purpose is fulfilled, even in really difficult situations.
 - Read [Romans 8:28](#)
 - c. **Seeing** Kingdom impact others
 - Let go and help your fruitfulness grow in its season. Become fully rooted – building a strong, untied Church.
 - Read [Psalm 1:3](#)
16. The truth about purpose and what you are worth, is that you are worth far more than this world can offer. You are worth far more than you could ever imagine. How are we so sure that you are worth all this, you might ask. Because Jesus was willing to pay Himself as the price for you!