

Building God's Kingdom Today: Purpose in life

I. God has made us with purpose in life.

Matthew 4: 19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

Eph 2:8-10 ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Our main purpose is showing Christ to others. (building the Kingdom of God)

Matt. 5: 13-16 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

II. Our problem: We don't live with meaning and purpose

A. Our painful experience define how we live now.

Good news: God uses our painful experiences (Rom 8:28, 2 Cor. 1: 3)

B. We love comfort and pleasure more than living with purpose

Where there is no vision, the people perish (Prov. 29:18 KJV)

Questions to work through

What is the result of living a life without purpose?

What do you want people to remember you for?

Are you living out those goals that you want people to remember you for right now?

Are you living out those guidelines you set for yourself?

Why do you think we do not live out our purpose in life?

Often times our past experiences influence us and keep us from living with purpose. For example, " bad parents can affect our decision making and how we view ourselves, destroyed relationships with significant others can affect how we live in the future, difficult experiences and situations with our jobs, our schools, our prior churches can negatively affect how we think and what we do.

What in your past is keeping you from living a life of purpose?

How can Jesus change our challenging and rough experiences and use them so that we live with purpose?

One Big takeaway exercise: Write out your own eulogy (what you want to be remembered for)

Resources to help you think through this in more detail

Chazown: discover and pursue God's purpose for your life, Craig Groeschel