



EQUIPPED TO WIN | EPISODE 5: DISCOVER PURPOSE

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

God has a purpose for you. As passionate followers of Jesus, our faith will come alive as we discover our purpose.

CONNECT

If money and time were no object, what would you spend your time doing right now?

PROTECT

Pray that everyone in group will take a step in discovering God's purpose in their life and have the courage to follow His call.

GROW

1. In the video, we heard about Lydia, the single businessperson, Bezalel, the creative, Lois whose ministry was family, and Jeremiah, the young prophet called to a tough ministry.

Who do you relate to the most? Why do you relate to that person?

2. Read Jeremiah 1:4-10. How do you relate to Jeremiah's response?
3. Sometimes we feel like we have ruined God's purpose for our lives. Read Romans 8:28-31. How do these verses show that no matter what, as followers of Jesus, we still have purpose in Him?
4. Read 2nd Timothy 3:14-17.

Paul specifically brings up Timothy's childhood and what he had been taught. Who in your childhood encouraged your faith? What can you do in your community and church to help a younger generation grow in their faith?

5. Jeremiah found his purpose in his obedience. What challenging thing has God asked of you?

PRAY

Thank God for letting us live out our gifts for His purposes. Ask God for the faith that He can do the impossible. Ask God for us to see the challenges of the world with His eyes and to bring His ideas to the table so that we can bring His Kingdom into earth.





EPISODE 5: MIDWEEK MEDITATION

GOD GIVES EACH PERSON NATURAL TALENTS AND ABILITIES. HOWEVER, WHEN WE BECOME FOLLOWERS OF JESUS, WE ARE GIVEN DISTINCT SPIRITUAL GIFTS; THESE GIFTS ARE LIKE SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENTS FOR OUR LIVES AND ARE OUR PART TO PLAY IN THE CHURCH (1 CORINTHIANS 4:12). IF YOU ARE STILL UNSURE WHAT YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS ARE, THERE SOME PATHWAYS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER. FIRST, READ AND PRAY THROUGH THE VARIOUS LISTS OF GIFTS RECORDED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-14:30, ROMANS 12:1-16, 1 PETER 4:9-11, AND EPHESIANS 4:1-16. SECOND, YOU CAN ATTEND NEXT STEPS, WHERE YOU WILL TAKE A SPIRITUAL GIFTS TEST TO HELP YOU DISCOVER YOUR GIFTS AND WAYS THAT YOU CAN USE THOSE GIFTS TO SERVE IN THE CHURCH.

AS WE LEARNED FROM THE STORY OF BEZALEL, GOD ALSO USES NATURAL GIFTS TO ACCOMPLISH HIS PURPOSES. YOU MAY BE GIFTED RELATIONALLY, ARTISTICALLY, OR WITH LEADERSHIP. GOD GIVES BOTH SPIRITUAL AND NATURAL GIFTS TO BRING HIS KINGDOM TO EARTH.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. PAUL WROTE, "SO, WHETHER YOU EAT OR DRINK, OR WHATEVER YOU DO, DO ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD." (1 CORINTHIANS 10:31). WHAT ARE AREAS IN YOUR LIFE THAT YOU COULD BRING GLORY TO GOD IN OUTSIDE OF SUNDAY MORNINGS?
2. WHICH OF THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS LISTED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT DO YOU BELIEVE GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO PRACTICE?

TAKE A STEP:

GIFTED FOR MORE (BARNA, 2021) LISTS TWELVE NATURAL GIFTINGS THAT PEOPLE HAVE AND CAN BE ACTIVATED WITHIN THE CHURCH.

WHICH OF THE NATURAL GIFTS DO YOU BELIEVE GOD HAS GIVEN YOU? WHICH GIFTINGS HAVE YOU USED TO BENEFIT OTHERS? WHICH ARE YOU INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING AND GROWING?

TECHNICAL – PERFORMING SPECIFIC TASKS THAT REQUIRE A SPECIAL AND REFINED SET OF SKILLS
 INTERPERSONAL – INTERACTING WITH, CARING FOR AND BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS
 ENTREPRENEURIAL – IDENTIFYING NEW OPPORTUNITIES, SETTING GOALS, AND STRATEGIZING TO ACHIEVE THEM
 FINANCIAL – PLANNING, ORGANIZING, DIRECTING, AND CONTROLLING FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
 CRITICAL THINKING – PROCESSING DATA TO PROBLEM SOLVE AND MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS
 INTERCULTURAL – RELATING TO PEOPLE FROM OTHER CULTURES AND SOCIAL GROUPS
 COMMUNICATION – COMMUNICATING WITH INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS IN A CLEAR AND ENGAGING WAY
 ARTISTIC – EXPRESSING ONESELF IN CREATIVE AND ARTISTIC WAYS
 LEADERSHIP – ORGANIZING PEOPLE TO REACH A SHARED GOAL AND EFFECTIVELY LEADING THEM
 MANAGEMENT – MANAGING BOTH TASKS AND PEOPLE
 CIVIC – MAKING AN IMPACT BY PARTICIPATING AS A CITIZEN WITHIN AN ORGANIZED COMMUNITY
 TEAMWORK – EFFECTIVELY COLLABORATING WITH AND WORKING ALONGSIDE OTHERS

NATURAL GIFTS:

SPIRITUAL GIFTS:

