



## EQUIPPED TO WIN | EPISODE 6: DISCOVER PURPOSE

### SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Living a purpose-filled life brings joy, satisfaction, and meaning. God has a purpose for each of His children. We all have God-given gifts and talents and use those to bring the hope of Jesus into the world.

### CONNECT

Story Cards: Choose a card that represents something new that you have tried this year.

If no Story Cards: What was your favorite thing to pretend to be as a child?

### PROTECT

Pray for God to give us the discernment to know our Spiritual gifts and to help those around us discover their gifts. Ask God to give us big ministry dreams and the resiliency to pursue our purpose.

### GROW

1. What were the parts of the video that challenged you? What encouraged you?
2. What makes it difficult to prioritize discovering your purpose in Jesus?
3. Read Galatians 5:22-23. What is an area of your life where you have seen your purpose affect your attitude? How does it look to “walk by the Spirit”?
4. Our sense of identity almost always informs what we do. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. How does knowing you were “bought with a price” change your perspective on how to live your life?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 5:5, Romans 8:23-25, and Acts 2:1-4. How can these gifts help you discover and live out your purpose?

### PRAY

Thank God that He has a purpose for all of us and that our purpose is in Him. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring us revelations for ourselves and others. Ask Him to let the fruit of the Spirit be evident in our lives and let our purpose affect our attitude.





## EPISODE 6: MIDWEEK MEDITATION

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HAVE INFLUENCE? INFLUENCE DOES NOT MEAN HAVING A LARGE PLATFORM OR A LOT OF SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS. IN A WORLD OF "INFLUENCERS," WE CAN EASILY OVERLOOK THE INFLUENCE AND IMPACT WE HAVE IN OUR DAILY LIVES. EVERY ONE OF US IS LEADING SOMEONE SOMEWHERE.

WHETHER YOU LEAD A GROUP IN FPKIDS, SHEPHERD GRIEVING PEOPLE AS A STEPHEN MINISTER, GIVE ABUNDANT FINANCIAL GIFTS, OR WRITE WEEKEND DISCUSSION GUIDE QUESTIONS- YOUR SERVICE IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE BODY. PAUL EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CHURCH HAVING DIVERSE GIFTS AND HONORING EACH PERSON IN THE AREA THAT THEY SERVED.

"NOW THERE ARE VARIETIES OF GIFTS, BUT THE SAME SPIRIT; AND THERE ARE VARIETIES OF SERVICE, BUT THE SAME LORD; AND THERE ARE VARIETIES OF ACTIVITIES, BUT IT IS THE SAME GOD WHO EMPOWERS THEM ALL IN EVERYONE. TO EACH IS GIVEN THE MANIFESTATION OF THE SPIRIT FOR THE COMMON GOOD" (1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-7).

"BUT AS IT IS, GOD ARRANGED THE MEMBERS IN THE BODY, EACH ONE OF THEM, AS HE CHOSE. IF ALL WERE A SINGLE MEMBER, WHERE WOULD THE BODY BE? AS IT IS, THERE ARE MANY PARTS, YET ONE BODY" (1 CORINTHIANS 12:18-20).

THOSE VERSES HIGHLIGHT THAT WE HAVE MANY PARTS TO OUR CHURCH'S BODY AND ALL OF THEM ARE VALUABLE. MAYBE YOU ARE NOT SURE WHERE YOU FIT INTO THE BODY OF BELIEVERS. YOU WANT TO FIND A WAY TO PRACTICE THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS THAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU, BUT YOU ARE NOT SURE HOW. TALK WITH MEMBERS OF YOUR GROUP OR VISIT NEXT STEPS TO LEARN WAYS YOU CAN JOIN THE WINNING TEAM OF SERVANTS AT FAITH PROMISE.

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. THOMAS MERTON WROTE, "EFFORT AND EXERTION ARE EFFECTIVE ONLY IF WE ARE LED BY GOD. NO EFFORT CAN PRODUCE A GOOD RESULT IF WE RESIST GOD'S LEADING." WHAT AREAS IN YOUR LIFE DO YOU FEEL GOD LEADING YOU? WHAT PLACES HAS GOD PLACED YOU IN TO SERVE OTHERS?
2. WHO IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW SERVING IN THE BODY THAT YOU CAN ENCOURAGE THIS WEEK?

THIS WEEK, WE WANT YOU TO CRAFT A PERSONAL PURPOSE STATEMENT. YOUR STATEMENT SHOULD COMBINE YOUR SPIRITUAL AND NATURAL GIFTS, AS WELL AS YOUR LIFE EXPERIENCE AND DEEPLY HELD VALUES. USE SOME OF THE FOLLOWING PROMPTS TO IDENTIFY YOUR PERSONAL VALUES AND LIFE EXPERIENCES.

- WHAT HAVE YOU ALWAYS CARED A LOT ABOUT?
- WHAT ISSUES AND CHALLENGES DRIVE YOU OR BREAK YOUR HEART?

- WHAT ARE SOME DEFINING MOMENTS IN YOUR FAITH JOURNEY?
- WHAT ARE UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED IN LIFE?

**A GREAT PURPOSE STATEMENT INCLUDES AN ACTION (ENCOURAGING, TRAINING, CARING), A WHO (MEN, CHILDREN, NEIGHBORS) AND A HOW (LEADING, BUILDING, INCREASING).**