

# PURPOSE IN THE WORLD

## GROUP STUDY

- *What action steps did you commit to last week and what were the outcomes?*
- *What results did you see from contacting the people who have influenced you in their Core Practices?*
- *What is one insight from one of the Daily Devotions?*
- *Watch the video together.*
- *Take turns reading the paragraphs below. As you read, underline the ideas that capture your attention.*

The number one question we all ask is, “What is the meaning of life? Why am I here?” So many people live their lives with no sense of purpose or meaning. Instead, they drift through life unfulfilled going from job to job and relationship to relationship looking for purpose, value, and worth. Just about the time they seem to find it, it seems to slip right through their hands. That’s not God’s desire or design for our lives. He doesn’t want anyone to drift through life unfulfilled. God has a purpose & plan for every person’s life.

You matter to God. Psalm 139:6 says, “You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.” You were created on purpose for a purpose. **That’s our fourth core value: “Purpose in the world is found in Jesus.”**

God created each of us with a primary purpose and a personal purpose. God’s primary purpose is the same for every person. We are all created to take the hope, healing, peace, and purpose of Jesus into our world.

We also have a personal purpose. Your personal purpose involves your career and a cause. Your career is the workspace where God has placed you. Your cause is a stirring He has given you for an injustice or need in this world. God has given each of us unique gifts, abilities, personality, and life experiences to fulfill our personal purpose. Discover your personal purpose by taking a self-assessment or through one-on-one coaching from a Core Church staff member. You can sign up at [corechurch.com/purpose](http://corechurch.com/purpose).

Our identity is not found in the things we accomplish for Christ. Our identity is found in Christ alone. It’s in Jesus that we find the acceptance, approval, and affirmation we all desire. It’s in Him that we discover the life we were truly meant to live. When we look to God, He will begin to unlock the purposes and plans He has for our lives.

## REFLECT AND RESPOND

***Choose something you underlined that’s important to you. Take a moment to share with everyone why it is important.***

## CORE PRACTICE

- *Have someone in the group read the core practice and description below.*

### **One of the ways we live out our purpose is through the core practice of Generous Giving.**

As followers of Jesus, we are called to be generous with our finances. We model generosity to our world. No one should outgive the people of God. Everything we have is a blessing from God and belongs to God. So, we hold what we have with an open hand. We believe Generous Giving is radical living. What the world calls foolish, God calls genius. Giving isn't an obligation, it's an opportunity. An opportunity to be a blessing and grow in our faith and trust of God.

Here are some helpful guidelines when it comes to generosity:

- Pray and ask God to give you a heart of generosity.
- Look for opportunities to give to those around you.
- If you've never given financially to support the work of the church, commit to a regular monthly contribution.
- If you regularly support the work of the church, consider committing to the practice of tithing (giving 10%). If you are unable to tithe, pick a percentage and begin working towards the tithe.

## EVALUATION AND ACTION

***Complete the self-evaluation section below. Then take a moment to share with the group the answers you wrote down.***

***Remember that these core practices are not an effort to earn God's love, but to grow in your love for God.***

***Be honest in your evaluation. But be kind and graceful to yourself because God is kind and graceful to you.***

My Generous Giving is struggling because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

My Generous Giving is strengthening because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

My Generous Giving is satisfying because \_\_\_\_\_  
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What specific action can you take to grow in your practice of Generous Giving?  
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Who do you know that is consistent in their practice of Generous Giving? What have you learned from this person?  
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***Listen, learn, and grow: This week contact this person and let them know about their influence in your life.***

## CORE PRACTICE

- *Have someone in the group read the core practice and description below.*

**One way we learn our purpose is through the core practice of Sacrificial Serving.**

We believe Sacrificial Serving isn't something we do, it's who we are. It's daily showing the love of Jesus to someone in a tangible way. Sacrificial Serving is a call to die to my plans and my desires and live for Christ's plans and desires.

We are all called to serve the church, community, and world. There are endless ways to serve.

- In the church we can serve on the Host Team, Connection Team, Core Kids, Core Youth, Production Team, Worship Team, Prayer Team, Events Team, and Office Team.
- In the community we can serve by helping a neighbor with a project, taking a meal to someone in need, giving a coworker a ride to work, feeding the homeless, or fostering a child.
- In the world we can serve by going on a mission trip.

It's through Sacrificial Serving that we model the life of Jesus and display the love of Christ to our broken world.

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My Sacrificial Serving is strengthening because \_\_\_\_\_

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My Sacrificial Serving is satisfying because \_\_\_\_\_

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What specific action can you take to grow in your practice of Sacrificial Serving?

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Who do you know that is consistent in their practice of Sacrificial Serving? What have you learned from this person?

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## PERSONAL STUDY

- *This week complete the Daily Devotions.*
- *This week complete the Growth Goals on page 25-26.*