

ON PURPOSE FOR A PURPOSE

HOW HAS GOD UNIQUELY DESIGNED YOU AND FOR WHAT REASON?

Week 3: Experiences and Passions

Discussion Overview: Over the past couple of weeks, we have been talking about how God has uniquely designed you for a specific purpose. One of the ways God is shaping you is through your past experiences, your abilities, and through the passions He has placed on your heart.

Key Scripture 2 Timothy 1:9, Romans 8:28, Ephesians 4:1-6, Ephesians 4:11-16, Matthew 28:16-20, 1 Cor. 12:12-27

Getting Started

- Make a list of some of the abilities or skills you have acquired in your life so far?
 - Ex: sports, music, art, speaking, being a good listener, work ethic, etc.
- What are some experiences you have had in your life that have been impactful?
 - Ex: mission trips, serving opportunities, divorce, break ups, etc.
- What are you passionate about? What do you love to do or be a part of you? Is there a problem in the world you wish you could be part of the solution to? Write some of those things down.
- Why do you think you are passionate about those things?

Digging Deeper

- Read 2 Timothy 1:9. What 2 things has Jesus done for us? Why has Jesus saved us and called us?
- Read Matthew 28:16-20. What is God's calling on your life?
- When you think about your skills or abilities. How can you use those to live out God's calling?
- Read Romans 8:28. We read that we have been called according to His purpose and that God works for the good of those who love him. God is working all things for good, and He never wastes pain.
- When you think about your past experiences, especially negative ones that have impacted your life, how do you think God might use those in the future? They might sting now, but how might God use your experiences for good?
- Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27. How do these verses compare the church to a human body?
- Why is it so important that we each contribute our different experiences, abilities, and passions to the church?
- When we start being jealous of others' abilities or passions, we actually hurt the body of Christ because we are too consumed trying to be something other than what God has uniquely designed us to be. What has God called you to, and what has He allowed you to experience? How is He asking you to serve Him with those things?