

Everyday we wake up and thank God for a good night of rest and then run through our minds everything we need to do today.

There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven. Ecc. 3:1

The Bible says God made everything with a purpose. Would you say that it has been difficult or easy for you to truly believe that God has a specific purpose for you? Why?

Rick Warren “Purpose Driven Life” has sold millions of copies. Why do you think people are keen on discovering their purpose?

We have been studying Genesis and the trials and tribulations of Joseph.

Read Genesis 45:5-8

At what point in time in his life do you think Joseph came to understand his purpose?

What does Joseph’s life teach us about seeking purpose?

What does his life teach us about living our purpose and relying on God?

Joseph now has a purpose even as his will continues to be tested. His two primary goals are to stay alive, and to save his family.

One of the great verses of purpose is found in Proverbs 3:5-6.

What does it mean to trust?

When it comes to identifying and living out our purposes, what things might stand in the way of trusting God?

Proverbs tells us that God will direct our paths.

Share with your group ways you have seen God direct your paths or ways you have seen God direct someone else’s path.

When we watch God direct our path, is it typically watching life events in the rear-view mirror or through the front

windshield? In other words do we see a sign up ahead that says “Go this way?” or do we see the evidence of how God has led us?

Living purpose is really about building life and legacy.

Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

Hasty decisions can ruin a foundation. When the brothers sold Joseph and took his coat back to their father, the family foundation began to crumble, but Joseph walked on in faith. He had a foundation built on God.

Knowing that Jesus is the foundation, how does that impact how you pursue and cultivate purpose?

Joseph used his gifts and built on the foundation of his life. The results led him to a place of honor. Consider how long he waited.

What should our attitude be if our search for purpose spans a great length of time?

Read Roman 12:5-8 and Proverbs 18:16

Consider your gift/gifts and answer these questions:

How can you know that something is a gift in your life?

What’s the difference between just being able to do something, and being gifted in that area?

Do you question why you have the gift?

Do you nurture the gift?

If so, how?

How have you seen your giftedness in use?

How do we investigate our gift and how do we develop it?

Look around your group. Specifically, what have you noticed in each others’ lives that you believe is a gift from God? Take a few minutes to tell each other what you have seen.

This week seek to discover and develop the gifts God has given you.