

LESSON 4 // INSPIRED WITH PURPOSE—PART 1

Big Idea: God designed you on purpose for a purpose. You are important to Him and His big plan in the world. No matter how small or insignificant you may feel, your impact and life possibilities are greater than you can imagine!

To discover and fulfill God's purpose, you need to live for what lasts, go "all in" with God, ask Him to guide you (believing that He will), and trust His Word and ways above your own.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Group Discussion:

This weekend we learned that to live a full life requires having a sense of purpose. What part of the message spoke to you the most and why?

Often times, it's small things that remind us of what truly matters. Share a time when one person's small act of kindness impacted you in a big way.

Why do you think it's enticing for us to live for the temporary things (possessions, popularity, pleasure, power) in life?

Read Mark 10:17-22. When we feel tempted to put more focus on living for what's temporary, what are ways we can shift our perspective back to living for what's eternal?

Share a time you experienced something painful that produced perspective, purpose, or perseverance.

Read Psalm 23:1-3 together. What could be the "one thing" in your life that keeps you from your Goddesigned purpose? Are you willing to trust God and go "all in"?

Prayer Focus:

Have each person write down their "one thing" and put them in a pile together. Pray collectively for God to help and guide you as you surrender these things to Him.

Leader Tip:

1 Corinthians 12:7 says "A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other." Encourage your group to discover/develop the spiritual gifts God has given them to build up the church.