

GO BIG OR GO HOME!

(Part 4: Passion for Purpose)

Opening Prayer, Confession of Faith & Worship

Big Idea:

You were created by God on purpose and for a purpose. But, do you know your purpose and are you pursuing it with passion?

Summary:

Man's ultimate purpose is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever (Westminster Shorter Catechism). You were made by God, you were made for God, and you were put here for His purposes. Just as everything in the created world around us has a purpose—sun, moon, stars, plants and animals—there is a purpose for every human being and we are called to pursue this purpose with a passion.

Do you ever find yourself asking the following questions: Why am I alive? Does my life matter? What is God's purpose for my life? You will only find the answers to these questions as you pursue God, understand His will, and live passionately for Him and Him alone. In fact, finding purpose outside of God is an endless journey of disappointment, emptiness, and substitute passion. God has made it clear in His Word that we were made to know Him, we were made to be like Him, and we were made to serve Him. Those are the 3 primary purposes of your life. And if you are not living them out with passion, then you have settled for something less than God intends for you.

If my purpose is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever, then what does that look like? Well, God is most glorified when we are most satisfied and we are most satisfied when we rest in Him and do His will. We are told to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all other things, our satisfaction included, will be added. In other words, live passionately for God and the rest of life will be put in its place – our purpose will be accomplished. On the contrary, if we live for ourselves and seek our own glory, comfort, and happiness, we will not be satisfied, we will not glorify God, and we will not fulfill our purpose. Let's glorify God and pursue our ultimate purpose with a passion.

Discussion Questions: (read the Scripture & discuss)

Psalm 139:13-16

Was your life planned and does it matter to God? How does this scripture reveal that you were made on purpose? Discuss how this passage also shows that you were made with a purpose.

Matthew 5:16

How does this instruction by Jesus relate to our purpose and why is this important? What is our light? How do we let our light shine? Discuss practical examples.

Matthew 25:14-30

How does this parable help us discover and live God's purpose for our lives? Give examples of "talents" and how they can be invested with passion for God's kingdom. What happens when we fail to live out our God-given purpose?

Taking Action: Go big this week. Pursue your purpose with passion. Identify areas of your life that are outside of your God-created purpose and submit them to God by making real changes.

Ministry Time