



Satisfaction – Purpose – Week 2

Announcements

- **101 Starting Point** – Sunday, December 1st, 5:00 pm at all campuses. Starting Point is the first step toward getting involved at Church of the King by learning about the vision and mission of the church. Register at www.churchoftheking.com/register
- **201 Dream Team Orientation** – Sunday, December 8th, 5:00 pm at all campuses. Get connected and find your place to serve on the Dream Team. Register at www.churchoftheking.com/register

Warm-up

How do you think today's culture defines success?

Last week we discussed that the single greatest need for each of our lives is forgiveness. Today we are looking at the second greatest need in life – our need for *purpose*.

Word and Application

God has uniquely and intentionally designed each of us with a divine purpose on earth. When we as believers in Jesus Christ fulfill the God-given destiny for our lives, we become the very solution to problems God intended us to be.

Describe a time when God specifically used you to solve a problem or to meet a need in the lives of others?

Read Psalm 139: 13-16. How does it make you feel knowing how deliberately God formed you?

Read Acts 13:36 and Jeremiah 1:5.

You were born at this particular time and place in history for an assignment and a designated purpose. Every person needs to discover that specific purpose.

Let's look at four keys that help us discover our purpose.

1. Ask God.

Read Matthew 7:7-8. What are the promises given to us when we follow Jesus' encouragement?

Through reading the Bible and prayer, you can begin to ask our Creator God why He made you and what He has called you to do. God will begin to reveal and to unfold your unique wiring. Your purpose is not your decision; it is your discovery.

Discuss the distinction between *deciding* your purpose versus *discovering* your purpose.

2. Note what you are passionate about.

Passion stirs us to action and causes us to "do something." Passion can be motivated both by what we love to do or by the injustices we hate.

Read Exodus 2:11-12. Moses gives us a great example of a passion birthed from abhorrence toward the unfair treatment of his people.

Often times, what you hate is what God has called you to correct in life! What are those passions and deep burdens you carry?

3. Assess your strengths and gifts.

Read Matthew 12:33 and Romans 12:4-6.

Your purpose and destiny may be exciting and challenging, but it will also feel right and natural. As you *flow* in your gifts and abilities, you will bear fruit.

When you are functioning in your strengths, what comes naturally to you?

4. Listen to what mature believers see in you.

Read Proverbs 18:1. What happens when we isolate ourselves from other believers?

God can use strong believers who can peer into our lives and see what He has placed there. Begin to identify those individuals God has already placed in your life. Make a plan to ask them what they believe your strengths and gifts are.

Prayer

Pray for God to reveal to each person his/her unique purpose and assignment on earth. Ask Him to help everyone to discover and optimize his/her passions and strengths. Also, take time to ask for specific prayer requests from those in your small group.