



Announcements

Men's Conference 2010 – August 13-14 | LCC
Make It Happen Men's Breakfast – Begins July 7 | Benedict's Restaurant
Water Baptism – July 25 | Franco's Athletic Club | Mandeville

Warm-Up

What do you think your purpose is for being here (on earth, at this time)? How do you think it links into God's plan?

Word

God has designed us for a purpose, so this week we want to look at what it means to understand God's purpose for our lives and being linked in to His plan.

Theme: God has a specific purpose (assignment) for you and your God given purpose makes life make sense.

Read Jeremiah 1:5-8

- What does God say about your plans for life?
- Why is it important that we understand these plans?

Pastor Jason shared that there is a process for linking to your purpose as God has planned:

1) Revelation of Purpose:

Read Jeremiah 1:5 again

- How do you seek God's purpose for life?
- Why is it important that we link into these plans?

We do not find purpose by seeking purpose. We find purpose by seeking the Author of our purpose.

2) Response to Purpose:

Read Jeremiah 1:6 again

Pastor Jason shared that life is 20% what happens to you and 80% how you respond.

- How does this relate to the importance of how we live our lives?
- What do we experience as barriers to embracing our God-given, specific purpose for our lives?

Enemies to embracing our purpose are our own “stuff.” Past disappointments, experiences, and being afraid of risk can be barriers to realizing all God has for us in life.

3) Results of Purpose:

Read Romans 9:17

The result of our purpose is to reach people and build lives.

- What are some different ways you can know your God-given purpose for your life?
- How should we respond when we fully understand God’s purpose?

To completely understand God’s purpose for our lives, we must seek an encounter with God. The power, faith and fuel to continually remain in His purpose come through relationship with Him.

Application
Persons

What practical steps can you to begin to better understand God’s purpose for your life?

Prayer

Take time to pray for the needs of the people at your group. Also, please continue to lift up the people of the Gulf Coast who are being impacted by the oil spill and pray for wisdom for our leaders who are dealing with this event.