



How Can I Live A Significant Life? - Message 3 DISCUSSION GUIDE

OVERVIEW

In this message of the series, *Answers*, we will be inspired and equipped to live a significant life.

DISCUSSION

- Who has made the most significant, positive impact on your life?

A life of significance is something we can all achieve – It's when you live your life for others and leave a lasting impact. Jesus modeled how to live a life of significance and taught about it in **Mark 10:45**, *“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”* Significance happens when we live our lives to serve others. Jesus was the consummate Servant Leader... He lived to add value to people. Significance is about helping others grow, achieve, and become all God has called them to become – a life of significance is always about others!

What keeps us from living a life of significance?

- We're skeptical
- We're selfish
- We're in survival mode

- Which of these can you relate to most? What does that look like in your life?

These mindsets keep us focused on ourselves, which prevents us from living meaningful lives. But the truth is that when we live with a significance mindset by living our lives for others, our lives multiply. The Apostle Paul understood the call to significance in **1 Corinthians 15:58**: *So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.* We are responsible for giving ourselves to the “work of the Lord,” which is sharing the love of God with people and trusting God will use our labor to make a significant difference.

A life of significance always has a lasting impact.

Three Steps to Living a Life of Significance:

1. Live surrendered.

Proverbs 3:5-6 says: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.* When we listen to God's voice and surrender our will to Him, He guides us like a loving father!

The Apostle Paul explains what surrender looks like when he wrote **Romans 12:1: *I appeal to you, therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*** A living sacrifice is a picture of a surrendered life. We intentionally lay our lives down before God, admit our need for Him, and give Him full control of our lives.

Romans 10:9: *If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.* This Scripture verse makes it clear that we not only need to confess our sins to be saved, but our natural response to the love of Jesus and what He did for us on the cross is to make Jesus the Lord of our lives—to give Him complete control and live open-handed. We are called to live Surrendered.

- What are some different areas in your life where you struggle to trust God?
- How can we release our control and fully surrender to God?

2. **Live transformed.**

Romans 12:2: *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.* When we allow God to transform us from the inside out, we become who God created us to be, which positions us to live out our God-given purpose.

Two Keys to Being Transformed:

- a. Confess the Word of God.
 - b. Surround yourself with life-giving people.
- How have you experienced transformation from God?

3. **Live fruitful.**

The apostle Paul speaks of fruitfulness in **Romans 7:4: *Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.*** Paul is telling us that Christ died so that we can be saved, and as a result of our salvation, we are called to live a fruitful life — a life of significance.

Jesus says in **Matthew 28:19: *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations [help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words]...”*** Our desire should be to live a life that when it is over, we have lived in a manner where we hear God say to us, ***‘Well done, good and faithful servant’ (Matthew 25:21,23).***

- What would a fruitful life look like to you?
- How can we integrate disciple-making into our everyday interactions and relationships?

LIFE CHALLENGE

Whose life can you make a difference in? Pray about three people that you can begin to build a relationship with, care for, and disciple.