

40 DAYS OF PURPOSE

CELEBRATION WEEKEND

“Remember today what you have learned about the Lord through your experiences with Him.” Deut. 11:2 (TEV)

What have we learned...

About God?

1. That it's all about _____, not _____

“God is the one who made all things, and all things are for His glory. He wanted to have many children share His glory...” Heb. 2:10a (NCV)

“Everything got started in Him and finds its purpose in Him.” Col. 1:16 (Msg)

2. That God _____

“You are the God of miracles and wonders! You still demonstrate Your awesome power.” Ps. 77:14 (LB)

About Life?

That we're put on earth for _____ purposes

“The Lord has made everything for His purpose.” Prov. 16:4 (NLT)

I was...

Bible word:

Planned for _____

Formed for _____

Created to become _____

Shaped to _____

Made for a _____

TLC is organized around these 5 purposes! Our vision is to be a balanced church, focused on the five biblical purposes as we emphasize God's transforming grace!

About Spiritual Growth?

1. That we grow through _____

"Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."
James 2:17 (NIV)

2. That we grow through _____

"As iron sharpens iron, so people can improve each other." Prov. 27:17 (NCV)

"Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard... and the God of peace will be with you." Phil. 4:9 (NRSV)

About Our Community?

That people are _____

"Look around you! Vast fields of human souls are ripening all around us, and are ready now for reaping." John 4:35 (LB)

NOW WHAT?

"Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them." John 13:17 (NIV)

"Now that we're on the right track, let's stay on it!" Phil. 3:16 (Msg)

"Now I want you to tell these same things to followers who can be trusted to tell others." 2 Tim. 2:2b (CEV)

"I thank my God through Jesus Christ for every one of you because the news of your faith is spreading throughout the whole world." Rom. 1:8 (GW)

Daily Meditations *Based on this weekend's message*

This week's memory verse: *"Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them." John 13:17 (NIV)*

This week's daily meditations are based on discussion questions in the Purpose Driven Life book

Monday

Read the first week's memory verse, Ephesians 2:10. What do you think are the implications of the first sentence of the book, "It's not about you"?

What do you think most people's lives are driven by? What has been the driving force in your life?

What do people get attached to on earth that keeps them from living for God's purposes?

What have you been attached to that could keep you from living for God's purposes?

Ask God to help you become more aware of His glory in your daily routine today!

Tuesday

Today read (or remember) the second week's memory verse, Mark 12:30. How is "living for God's pleasure" different from the way most people understand the term "worship"?

How is a friendship with God similar to any other friendship, and how is it different?

With that in mind, how can you improve your friendship with God?

What is something you learned from a time God seemed distant?

What fears surface when you think of surrendering your complete life to Christ?

Ask God to help you become more aware of His pleasure, His smile, as you go through your life. Thanks Him for His grace and

worship Him for it now!

Wednesday

Today read (or recite from memory!) the third week's memory verse: Romans 12:5. How is the church like a body?

What are the barriers that keep us from really loving and caring for other believers?

Is there someone with whom you need to restore a relationship?

Bring to God relationships you need to restore. Ask Him to give you the strength and wisdom to do so -- perhaps even today or this week. Ask Him to bless our church family as we learn to live with one another as true members of the Body of Jesus.

Thursday

Review our fourth memory verse, Philippians 2:5. How is "becoming like Jesus Christ" different from the way most people understand "discipleship"?

A year from now, how would you like to be more Christ-like? What can you do today to move toward that goal?

When are you most vulnerable to temptation? What steps can you take (by God's grace) to defeat that persistent temptation in your life?

Ask God to empower you with the wisdom and the strength to overcome persistent temptations. Ask Him to show you the way out --even today whenever you are tempted. Ask Him to help you become more Christ-like throughout this year-- and your life!

Friday

Review our fifth memory verse, 1 Peter 4:10. How is "using your shape to help others" different from the way most people understand the word "ministry"?

What do you *love* to do that you could use to serve others in the family of God?

How does comparing yourself to others keep you from fully developing your unique shape?

Ask God to give you insight as to how you could serve Him in your own unique way. Thanks for serving!

Saturday

Review our final memory verse, Colossians 4:5. What are the typical fears and stereotypes that people have when they hear the word "evangelism"?

What keeps *you* from sharing the Good News with others?

What do you feel might be a part of the Life Message that God has given you to share with the world?

Ask God to give you eyes that see the opportunities to share all around you this week. Commit to attending the outreach-oriented services at TLC in the next few weeks, and inviting friends to come with you! Please pray for services this weekend. Thank you!