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Small Group Questions

Part 3: Discovering Your Purpose

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Read

Isaiah 43:15–19; John 3:16 and 5:17

Reflect

Do you ever ask what you are here for? What your purpose is?

Pastor Geoff Surratt offers us several ways to find our purpose:

1. Discovering your purpose.
 - a. Never begins with you.
 - i. When trying to understand your purpose, do your sentences tend to begin with “I,” “me,” or “God.”
 - ii. Are you concerned with what might be asked of you?
 - b. Always begin with God.
 - i. Have you submitted to God your ideas and dreams of how life should be?
 - ii. What small changes can you make to shift focus to God?
2. Three things we know about God.
 - a. He is powerful.
 - i. How do you picture God? Do you tend to focus on one aspect of who he is?
 - ii. Is there something you have been doubting God could fix?
 - b. He is at work.
 - i. Do you feel that he is at work in your life?
 - ii. Do you feel close to God, or at a distance right now? Explain.
 - c. He invites us to join him.
 - i. Have you been sitting back waiting for an invitation? You already received one. What will you do with it?
3. How do we join God at work?
 - a. We respond to God's love.
 - i. Do you believe that God's ultimate purpose is to have a relationship with his people?
 - ii. How much do you love God?
 - iii. Do you have a hard time saying out loud that God loves you?
 - b. We look for God at work.
 - i. How open are you to God using you to further his kingdom? Is it a priority in your life?
 - ii. Do you consciously look for ways every day for God to work through you?
 - iii. Are you limiting the ways you'd like him to use you? ...Maybe offering up only certain gifts or areas? Might there be a difference between “your” purpose, and the purpose for you?
4. Your purpose is eternity.
 - a. God is always focused on the future.
 - i. Right now, are you viewing the future with fear or with hope?
 - b. He is never limited by your past or present.
 - i. Are you allowing something to separate or hinder you from a loving relationship with God?

Respond

What is your next step? Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you and hold you accountable in this?