

**FOUND**  
**WEEK 2 DISCUSSION GUIDE**  
**"DISCOVER PURPOSE"**

**READ**

This week we continued the "Found" series as we looked at how Jesus gave purpose to Simon. Like Simon you were made for a purpose, God has a vital role for you to play.

**Mark 1:16-17**

*As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."*

When Jesus asked Simon to follow him he had a mission, a purpose in mind. Following Jesus was not just about learning from him, it was also about doing what he was doing.

Jesus came to earth because he had a mission, a purpose for coming.

**Luke 19:10**

*For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.*

**Mark 10:45**

*"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

Jesus came to save the lost, all of us who are hurt and broken, he came so people like you and I don't have to be lost anymore and he paid the price for our sin. Sin has to be dealt with and overcome. Jesus did this, he died to pay the price for our sins and rose again to make way for a new kind of life.

When Jesus asked Simon to follow him he was inviting him to be part of what he was doing. He gave him purpose. His purpose was to work with Jesus in helping to save and restore creation by leading people to him. This is our purpose today, to lead people to Jesus. As believers in Christ we are empowered by the Holy Spirit, the power and presence of God, to fulfill our purpose.

Jesus created this movement called the church, to partner with him on his mission. Paul says that the people in the church are put together like a body....

**1 Corinthians 12:12 & 18**

*Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.....But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.*

Each body part is unique and serves a different function, those parts need to work together to be healthy. The church is one body that we were all created to be part of, we are each uniquely wired to do something the body needs to fulfill the common mission of the church.

As a church we are working towards finding where each of us fits into what God is doing. To find our unique place in the body. As church leadership we have been working on developing new ways to help you discover your wiring and purpose and we will be looking at this starting next week. For now, know that you matter, you are loved and were made for a purpose. God has a vital role for you to play.

### **DISCUSS**

How does it make you feel to know that you are called to play a unique role in the church?

Have you ever volunteered in an area that just didn't seem to fit with what you are uniquely wired for? What did this look like?

Have you volunteered in an area that you seem to be uniquely wired for? What have your experiences been in this area?

God equips those he calls to serve. Does knowing this make it easier to step out of your comfort zone into something God has called you to do?

Reflect on a time you felt God equip you. Share this with your group.

What is one thing you can do this week to fulfill the purpose of the church, to point others to Jesus?

### **PRAY FOR YOUR GROUP**

Pray that we would each find and fulfill our unique place in the body, the church, and that we would work together to lead people to Jesus.

### **PRAY FOR FCC**

Pray that we would feel confident that God equips those he calls to serve and that this would help us step into our calling, our purpose.

### **PRAY FOR OUR GLOBAL PARTNERS**

Please pray for those across the globe and in cities here at home who go to sleep at night not knowing where their next meal will come from. Bracken's Kitchen is working diligently to feed those here through our campus ministry, the CRC, and with their vans to distribute food to areas around Orange County and Los Angeles. Please pray their fundraising event will be successful so they can continue the mission to feed those who are food insecure. Please also pray for continued volunteers to step out and use their servant's hearts and hands in outreach to others. Let us lift up their ministry and pray God's continued blessings on growing what they do, as they continue to serve others with love and dignity.