

Building a Great Church Involves Purpose

(Building a Great Church Series – Lesson #1)

The Importance of Purpose

“He who has not prepared for the trip should not begin his journey.”

–Anonymous

Why is Purpose Important?

- Without a purpose to your vision, you are just sleeping.
 - “Some people who think they are dreamers are just sleepers.”
 - “Some people dream of worthy achievement, while others stay awake and experience it.”
- Without a purpose, your vision is useless.
- Without a purpose, your actions are futile.
- Purpose gives you direction toward your vision.
- Purpose gives you actions to take.
 - Through the combination of your vision and purpose, your actions will be magnified.
 - (Acts 8:4)

“Without a purpose to your vision, you are on a cruise to nowhere.”



Your Personal Purpose

“Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth.”

–Mark 1:38

What Should Your Purpose Be?

- Remember that your spiritual purpose is greater than your physical purpose.
- Your spiritual purpose must be in line with God’s purpose.

What is God’s Purpose?

- To find God’s purpose you must look into the words of God. (2 Timothy 3:16)
- God’s seeks the redemption of men:
 - (2 Peter 3:9)
 - (1 Timothy 2:3-4)
 - (2 Timothy 1:9)
- God gave His own Son to redeem men. (John 3:16; Romans 5:6-11)
 - Jesus came to do the purpose of His Father. (Mark 1:38; Luke 4:43)
 - Jesus came to seek and save the lost. (Luke 19:10)

Personal Purpose Questions:

- Should your purpose be the same as Jesus and the Father – to save the lost?
- Are you living your purpose?
- What is your purpose?

The Congregational Purpose

“And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.”

–Acts 5:42

A United Purpose Leads to Growth

- Your individual purpose can help the congregation to grow.
- The purpose of the congregation must be the seeking and the saving of the lost.
 - (Acts 5:42)
- The purpose of the church is to make known the manifold wisdom of God. (Ephesians 3:10-11)

Purpose + Vision + Actions = Results

- Once you purpose and vision are in line with God, your actions will produce results.
 - “He who starts a journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.”
 - (Ecclesiastes 9:10)
 - (John 15:2-8)

“He that does good for God’s sake seeks neither praise or reward; he is sure of both in the end.”

–William Penn

Purpose Questions:

- Is your purpose allowing the congregation to grow?

