

Youth Group Plus

Episode 12

"How Do I Find My Purpose?"

• Intro

- Every person is looking for the answer to these three questions:
 - Who am I? – Identity
 - Where do I belong? – Community
 - What is my purpose? – Calling
- Identity – Episode 9 (and 11)
- Community – down the road
- Calling – What is my purpose? How do I know? What do I do about it?

• Setup

- God loves the whole world and he always has.
 - Demonstrated throughout history.
 - Definitive act in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.
- God pursues a relationship with every person in the world.
 - 2 Peter 3:9 – God is patient ...
- God invites all of his people to join in his mission of demonstrating love to the world and inviting them into a relationship with Jesus.

• Specifics

- When it comes to our purpose/calling, we understand there's two parts:
 - General calling that is the same for all followers of Jesus – have a personal relationship with Jesus and invite others to experience a relationship with God for themselves.
 - Trust and obey
 - Live and reveal the kingdom of God
 - Have spiritual conversations
 - Specific calling that is unique to how God SHAPed you.
 - Your calling is unique because of the people you're in relationship with.
 - The ultimate goal of your calling is:
 - Experience the joy of living life the way God designed you
 - Invite others to experience a relationship with God too

- Living life to the full.
 - John 10:10
 - Jesus went to weddings, had dinner parties, went to festivals, etc.
 - Jesus worked hard when it was time to work, and played hard when it was time to play.
- Invite others to experience God.
 - When we live life well, people notice, because they want it for themselves.
 - That opens the door for us to have conversations about faith.
- The greatest moment in your life is when you lead someone to say “yes” to Jesus and be born again.
 - When it flows out of how God SHAPed you, you experience incredible fulfillment.

● SHAPE (Rick Warren)

- S – spiritual gifts
 - What special capability for service given by God to every Christ-follower for the benefit of his Church, the Body of Christ
 - Romans 12:6-8
 - 1 Corinthians 12:8-10
 - 1 Corinthians 12:28-30
 - Ephesians 4:11
- H – heart
 - A God-given desire that energizes and motivates you to meaningful ministry involvement for God’s kingdom.
 - What are some of the problems today that break your heart?
 - Who are some of the hurting people that you want to help?
- A – abilities
 - Talents and skills given by God to every human being for his glory (whether people know God or not) that demonstrate his love to everyone.
 - Music
 - Athletics
 - Etc.
 - Design
 - Words
- P – personality
 - Your natural approach to life and relationships.
 - Your personality doesn’t limit you, it teaches you.
- E – experiences
 - Events and situations in your life that God can use to build you into who you are today.
 - Can be good or bad experiences.

• Wrap-Up

- General calling - same for all followers of Jesus
 - Have a personal relationship with Jesus
 - Invite others to experience a relationship with God for themselves.
- Specific calling - unique to how God SHAPEd you
 - Rooted in the unique relationships you have (and will have)
 - Plays out in the way God has SHAPEd you
- How to find your purpose?
 - Deepen your relationship with Jesus.
 - Pay attention to the people around you.
 - Work to develop the things God has already built inside you.

• Your Turn

- What are some things that stuck out in today's teaching?
- What are some questions you have?
- How does today's teaching apply to your lives?
- What do you sense the Holy Spirit is saying to you specifically through this teaching?
- What are you going to do about?

• Go-To Question

- How do you make sure you're growing in your relationship with Jesus?
- Why is that so important?