



Passing the Baton Week 3: Discover Purpose- Discussion Guide

Connect

Main Idea: We are passionate about living God's purpose.

Introduction: When we love God as God has laid out in His Word, we have no option but to love people. Loving people means we help others discover their purpose.

Starting with loving God, each value leads to the next. Loving God leads to loving people. Loving people leads to discovering our purpose, and discovering our purpose leads to winning our world – starting with the people around us.

Discussion Starter: Have you ever ran on a treadmill? Ran a race outside? Talk about the differences between running nowhere versus running to something with a purpose.

Grow

Primary Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 9:24-25, Matthew 11:2-3, Isaiah 61:1-4, John 14:1, and 1 Corinthians 5:10

Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Zac asks us if we have any doubts that God can use each of us. Do you believe that you have a purpose? Have you seen God use you or someone else for His purpose? Share stories.
2. As the Church, are we known for having a passion to discover purpose? How do we live out this passion each week?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 9:24-25. What is the prize and the crown Paul mentions? Do you live life running this kind of race?
4. What are your expectations for 2023? Are you currently running your race? What are your passions, and are they a part of living out God's purpose for you?
5. Read John 14:1. Jesus has given everyone a purpose. But that purpose is not passive. Are you being passive with your purpose? Has God called you to something, but you've said no, not now, I can't, or even I'm scared?
6. Last week, Pastor Zac talked about lies that we have believed about ourselves. Those lies play directly into the ability to believe God can use us and that we can live on purpose. Did you give those lies to God? Bring them into the light by saying them out loud to someone.
7. Read 1 Corinthians 5:10. Pastor Zac gave us four challenges for the week. Pray for BOB (burden, opportunity, boldness), bless and run (pay for someone's stuff, but don't tell them), pray with someone, and share your faith. What is your plan to do one or all of these?

Protect

Suggestion: Break into groups of 2 or 3 for this section.

Pray: Pray about any doubt you have regarding God's purpose for you. Give those doubts to God, and believe what He says about you. Pray to become a messenger for God. Pray for God to use you for His purpose of winning the world.