



PART 4: PEOPLE LOOKING FOR PURPOSE

All of us have unique pasts, personalities, and passions that are anything but perfect. Yet God created us to reflect him.

Through participating in the local church, we can better understand what makes us unique and leverage our pasts, personalities, and passions to better understand God's purpose for us.

CONNECT

Describe a time when something you were embarrassed about actually ended up helping you relate with someone else.

LEARN

You will watch a shortened version of a message from this series to set up your group discussion. Watch the full message sometime this week to further explore what you talked about today.

APPLY

After sharing what stood out from the video, discuss the following questions as a group:

1. Joel said, "Who you are is not what you do. You're a 'who' not a 'do.'" Why do you think it can be easy to confuse "who we are" with "what we do"?
2. What do you think God has trusted you to steward?
3. How have you seen God use hard parts of your story for good? What impact did that leave on you?
4. What does "growing toward wholeness" look like for you? How do you think this could impact the relationships you have with those around you?



WRAP UP

We all need the church—not just for belief, but for help, answers, and ultimately purpose. The local church has historically stepped in to care for people in need, provide clarity to life's biggest “why” and “what” questions, and remind us that our identity is rooted in a Creator who gives meaning to our lives. Rather than treating faith as a solo project, choose to engage in the local church as the primary place where God shapes your purpose, clarifies your identity, and invites you to be part of something bigger than yourself.

PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank you for the church and allowing us to be able to meet today. We ask that you continue to bring us toward spiritual maturity. Help us to recognize how our uniqueness is both a blessing and barrier. Give us the courage to deal with how our pasts, personalities, and passions impact us today. Amen.