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*Message: "In the Wind: Purpose"*

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## **Message-based Study**

### **Connection**

What is one dream of yours that you always wanted to do?

### **Content** -

**"Our purpose needs to not only be wrapped up in what we feel, but what we believe."**

What does this statement mean, and what is a practical example?

### **Clarifying Your Purpose**

1. Jeremiah 1:5 says "I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations." Furthermore in 1 Corinthians 7:23a we are told "God paid a high price for you."

What do these verses tell you about how God feels about you?

2. Read Jeremiah 29:11 and 1 Corinthians 12:4-5. Every human being was made in the image of God, with a purpose and desire to know God.

How have you taken your passions, your skills and the needs of the world to serve the purposes of God?

3. Read Ephesians 2:10. You are God's masterpiece, and he has created you with a purpose.

List the various places where you spend time in the course of your week:

Reflecting on these various areas, how can you look at your life and where God has you with new eyes and find a deeper purpose in Him?

## Defining Jesus' Purpose

4. Read Luke 4:16-21. This can be viewed as the beginning of Jesus' public ministry on Earth as Jesus proclaims "the Lord's favor has come".

After reading this passage, what stands out to you about how Jesus proclaimed that the Messiah had come? And what does this passage tell us about His purpose?

## Realizing Bigger Purpose

5. Jesus' life was a living example of having a purpose bigger than our own. As John 13:15 says, "I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you."

How can you follow John 13:34 and remember to live a life with a purpose that bigger than yourself in a way that's loving each other?

## Commitment

6. Draw the three intersecting circles that were shown in the sermon, labeling them "skills", "passions", and "needs of the world." In each circle, write some things that come to your mind about yourself.

God has made you to play an important part in God's story. In prayer, reflect on how you can use your skills and passions to bring glory to God, asking Him if there's anything new or different He wants to do through you where the three circles above intersect.



**Begin with prayer. Listen with care. Eat / Engage with another. Serve. Share your story.**

This week, **Serve** a person in your life who needs to hear and feel Jesus' love. Begin today with this tool of how to B.L.E.S.S. them.

Would you like to give any updates to the group on someone you have shared about in the past?