

Finding Your God-Given Purpose

Luke 4 and John 20

1. God has a good plan for each of our lives to give us hope and a future.

- Romans 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose."
- Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

2. How can we find God's Purpose and Plan for our lives?

- Luke 4:14-21 NIV **14** Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. **15** He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. **16** He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, **17** and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: "'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.'" **20** Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. **21** He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."
- Jesus knew his purpose and depended on the Holy Spirit to preach the gospel to the poor, heal the blind and set the prisoners free.

3. "As the Father sent me, I am sending you!"

- John 20:19-23 "On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, '**Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.**' And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'"
- Luke 19:9-10 "And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.'"



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Ice Breaker

1. What would you say your main purpose in life has been so far?
2. What are some of your gifts and talents God Gave you to fulfill His purpose?

Digging Deeper

3. Read Luke 4:14-21
 - a. How did Jesus depend on the Holy Spirit to fulfill His purpose?
 - b. What was the Purpose and Mission of Jesus in these verses?
 - c. Jesus gave us the Great Commission in Mark 16:15-18 to do the same things He did.
4. Read John 20:19-23
 - a. Why did Jesus speak peace to His Disciples?
 - b. "As the Father has sent Me, I Am sending you"

Living It Out

5. What are some ways you can depend on The Holy Spirit to fulfill your purpose as Jesus did?
6. Read Rom. 8:28 says all things work together for those who love God and are called according to His Purpose. How can you prioritize God's Purpose in your life more?
7. Read Luke 19:9-10 Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. Who is one lost person you know that needs salvation? Pray for them by name each day and look for ways to share the gospel with them. Ask Jesus to help you fulfill the Great Commission and depend on the Holy Spirit to give you Power every day to be a witness in your world.