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# ***A PLACE OF HOPE – Got Purpose?***

## *Part 1*

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### **Some of The Most Meaningful Questions I Can Ask Myself Are...**

Who Am I?

Why Am I Here?

What Is My Purpose in Life?

“And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” *Luke 2:49, ESV*

“The thief comes only in order to steal, kill, and destroy. I have come in order that you might have life—life in all its fullness.” *John 10:10, GNB*

The Cross Was Always in Jesus Line of Sight

### **I Don’t Have to Guess at My Purpose**

God Has a Plan and Purpose for My Life

Life Is Not about Me, It’s About God

“...all things were created through him and for him.” *Colossians 1:16, ESV*

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” *1 Peter 2:9, ESV*

“Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.” *2 Corinthians 5:20, NKJV*

It’s Not What – Its’ Will

## Jesus Invites Me to Live a Life of Purpose

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” *Matthew 6:33, ESV*

Every Generation Has to Learn Their Life’s Purpose for Themselves

## Jesus Has a Plan and Purpose for His Church

Whatever The Church’s Purpose,  
It Must Enable Me to Fulfill My Life Purpose

### Think of the Church’s Purpose in 2 Senses

Specific Biblical Statements

Specific Needs of People Based on Location

“So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

*Acts 2:41–42, ESV*

## The Big Five

Worship – Discipleship – Ministry –  
Evangelism – Fellowship

### OUR PURPOSE:

- To be a Place of Hope where People Come Together to Know and Experience God;
- to Discover Healing and Renewal within the Body of Christ;
- to Go Out Taking the Gospel in Ways People Will Hear;
- and to Gather Others Back in to Connect to True Community and Healthy Relationships