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A Small Group Series

Part 1: Why Am I Here?

Colossians 1:15-18

15He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. 17He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

John 17:4

4I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.

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Message notes:

It's a wrong question to say "What's my purpose?" In this series we're going to focus more on what's His _____ for our lives.

When you seek purpose in life, you have to start with the _____.

It's not the clay's job to _____ itself.

If I had to answer in two words "What is my purpose?" it's: _____.

The purpose of life is not to craft a life in our own _____, find some level of success, and then be able to present it to God and say, "Look what I've made for you."

Purpose is never fulfilled in this _____. We fulfill our purpose for this life, but this life is preparation for what's coming.

Whatever I do, It doesn't matter what I'm doing. It's the _____ of the purpose that determines everything.

Your purpose is to have relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. And it's only out of _____ that all the other pieces fall into place.

Additional notes:

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Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Jamie opens this series with the question: “Why am I here on earth?” How would you have answered that question before hearing this message?
2. The message emphasizes that “all things were created by him AND for him”. Why are both parts important?
3. How do you struggle with trying to create your own purpose instead of discovering God’s purpose for you?
4. The illustration of the blacksmith and the anvil (or potter and clay) was used to show God shaping us. Share a time when you felt like you were “on the anvil”—being shaped through difficult circumstances. Looking back, where do you see God’s purpose in it?
5. Pastor Jamie highlights that our purpose in this life is preparation for eternity. How does this eternal perspective change what you prioritize today?

Ministry Time:

Pastor Jamie reminds us that if we aren’t anchored in our relationship with Christ, then our purposes are aimless. Pray for those in your group that would like to cultivate a deeper relationship with Jesus as the foundation, asking Him to help them focus on their connection with Him rather than activities or accomplishments.

Sometimes the shaping of clay is gentle; other times, the potter must collapse the vessel and start again. This isn’t failure—it’s the creative process. Pray for those who have areas where they feel they’ve failed. Instead of holding onto it, offer it to God and ask Him what He wants to do with it.