



# GIFTS + PASSION

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# PURPOSE

## Sermon Discussion Guide

**Message Series** // Gifts + Passion = Purpose (Part 3 - Purpose)

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### Big Idea

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As we continue through life, whether we are seventeen years old or seventy-seven, we are probably asking some version of this basic question...*"What is my life purpose?"* Why are we asking this question? Because we want this one shot at this thing called "life" to count. At Journey, we believe every human was created on purpose for a purpose, and this purpose is to KNOW Jesus and make him KNOWN. However, how each of us uniquely lives out this purpose is different. Over the course of this series, we hope to dive into how God has created you through unique gifts and passions, and how those ultimately help you live out your God-given purpose.

*"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*  
- **Ephesians 2:10**

### Discussion

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ALL OF US HAVE TWO DRIVING PURPOSES THAT ARE CLOSELY LINKED AND THEY ARE TO KNOW JESUS AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN. IF WE ARE GOING TO LIVE A SIGNIFICANT LIFE THAT IS TRULY FULFILLED WE MUST DISCOVER THAT PURPOSE AND FIND WAYS TO FULFILL IT. JESUS DIED FOR US, THE CHURCH, AND HE HAS A DESIRE TO BUILD HIS KINGDOM WITH US, THE CHURCH. THE REASON WE EXIST, AS UNIQUE AS WE ARE, IS TO PLAY A ROLE IN BUILDING JESUS' KINGDOM. ONLY YOU CAN FULFILL YOUR ROLE.

**Psalm 139:13-16** - *"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."*

**Matthew 6:19-21** - *"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

"This is what the past is for! Every experience God gives us, every person he puts in our lives is the perfect preparation for the future that only he can see."

- Corrie Ten Boom

### Next Steps

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To help discover your purpose, sign up and attend Crash Course. If you already did attend it, but haven't yet completed step two and three, sign up for those two. Work on and write out your purpose statement. Seek the Lord through prayer and ask Him to help you discover and fulfill your purpose. Join a Serve Team at Journey.

Questions to Discuss: What are your gifts? What are your passions? The Lord created you and knit you together in your mother's womb. He allowed your pain, your experiences, and your overall story to help shape you into the current version of yourself. After sharing some of those things with close friends, ask them to help you identify how those things can now be used to minister to others and fulfill your purpose.