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Groups Sermon Study Questions

I HAVE A PURPOSE

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Message Summary

What you do matters. We were not created to wander through life aimlessly. In Christ we have a purpose. When He rescues us from our sin and darkness, He gives us a purpose. Sometimes His purpose for us is clear, but often it takes a humble obedience and a willingness to step in faith as He reveals Himself and His purposes to us. This week, we looked at how we can discover our God-given purpose by seeking the guidance of His Spirit, the comfort of His love, and the exhilaration of His joy.

Consider This

What do you think it takes to be "successful" in life?

Do you think you can be successful if you wander through life aimlessly or is a purpose necessary? Why do you think this way?

Where do you think most people find their purpose in life?

Read Luke 8:26-39.

- 1. How would you describe the demon possessed man?
- 2. Why did Jesus cast the demons into the pigs?
- 3. What is the significance of how the formerly possessed man is now described in verse 35?
- 4. In verse 38, what did the formerly possessed man ask of Jesus? What was His response?
- 5. How did this man embrace the calling and purpose given to him by Jesus?
- 6. How can we embrace the purpose given to us in our lives?

Read John 15:9-13.

- 7. Why is it so important to remain in Christ's love? What does that look like in our lives?
- 8. What is the example of love Jesus shows us in this passage?
- 9. How does experiencing the Love of Jesus help affirm His purpose for us?

- 10. In verse 11 Jesus talks about completing our joy. What does that look like in our lives?
- 11. How does a joy-filled spirit help us to live in His purposes for our life?

Read Galatians 5:16-18.

- 12. What does it look like to "walk by the Spirit"?
- 13. How does the battle between the "flesh desires" and life in the Spirit show up in our lives?
- 14. Why is being led by the Holy Spirit vital to understanding our God-given purpose?
- 15. What are ways we can know that we are letting the Holy Spirit lead us?

Action Steps

Live On Purpose

Study the passages below. In the space provided on the back write down 5 truths about God's purpose for His people generally or for you specifically.

Genesis 50:15-21	Joshua 1:1-9	Psalm 33:10-11
Jeremiah 29:10-14	Romans 8:1-17	Col. 3:15-17
Phil. 2:12-18	1 Peter 3:8-16	