



LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Message Series: Within Reach
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UP NEXT

- **Life Group Schedule** - The last official week of Life Groups for this Spring will be the week of May 6th.. May is very busy with Mother's Day, Graduations, and school ending. We don't want to add to the craziness. However, keep in mind, your Life Group is welcome to continue to meet after this time, there just won't be a Discussion Guide sent out.
- **Easter Sunday** - Easter is next Sunday, April 1st - Join us for one of our five Easter service times at 9:00am, 10:45am, 3:00pm, 4:30pm, & 6:00pm.
- **SERVICE OPPORTUNITY** - *Overflow Weekend*, our biggest event for students, is coming up April 27-29. We would like Life Groups to 'adopt' Host Homes and supply meals & snacks to those homes during that weekend. More information will be given soon, we just wanted you to begin thinking about what your group could offer.

MAIN IDEA

Purpose is within reach because God is within reach.

INTRODUCTION

- You are not an accident!
- God created you on purpose, with purpose, and for a purpose.
- Many people spend their entire lives searching after God's will for their life when the answer is right in front of them the whole time.

DISCUSSION

- What is something you just have to do or you'll go crazy?
- Have someone read [\(Colossians 1:16\)](#)
 - What is special to you about this verse?
- Which if the following Truths mean the most to you?
 - God created you on purpose (Psalm 138:8)
 - God custom-made you (Psalm 139:14-150)
 - God determined exactly when you would be born (Psalm 139:16)
 - God planned exactly where you would be born (Acts 17:26)

- God orchestrated exactly how you would be born and who your family would be.
- God truly and really loves you (Ephesians 1:4-5)
- God created you to fulfill a certain purpose. (Ephesians 2:10)

- We live in a culture that tries to sell us the idea that life is about us... In spite of all the advertising around you, how can you remind yourself that life is really about living for God and not yourself?

- **Isaiah 44:2** in the Contemporary English Version says, ***“I am your Creator. You were in my care even before you were born.”***
 - Is this verse easy for you to believe? Or is it difficult for you to grasp?
 - Does this mean we were already created and just waiting on physical baby bodies?

- Knowing that God uniquely created you, what areas of your personality, background, and physical appearance are you struggling to accept?

- What would your family and friends say is the driving force of your life? What do you want it to be?

- Since you were made to last forever, what is one thing you should stop doing and one thing you should start doing today?

- What are you personally doing to protect unity in your church family right now?

- Have someone read [\(Acts 17:26-27\)](#)
 - What can you learn from this verse?

APPLY IT

- Drop the Excuses
 - Stop using excuses as a reason for not doing something.

- Live Intentionally
 - Don't live accidentally, live on purpose.

- Open Your Eyes
 - Ask yourself, “What am I already passionate about?, What am I already gifted at?, at What can I do about _____ today?”

- Which of these are you going to focus on this week?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCE

[*Shattered Dreams: God's Unexpected Pathway to Joy*](#) by Dr. Larry Crabb