

Leadership Tip!

Make sure that during your group discussion, you solicit input from everyone. Ensuring participation from everyone will help grow stronger relationships.

IMAGINE – BEING THE DIFFERENCE**STARTER QUESTIONS:**

What are some of the takeaways you had from the message Sunday?

How has this IMAGINE series stirred your spirit?

What are some of the ways that this series has impacted your life?

MAIN IDEA:

We are currently in a series titled “Imagine” that is helping us discover what God has planned out for our life. We have learned that God has made us with value and significance. This week Pastor Hank discussed 5 purposes that God created us for.

KEY VERSE:

“Now to him who by his power within us is able to do far more than we ever dare to ask or IMAGINE—to him be glory in the Church through Jesus Christ for ever and ever, amen!”
Ephesians 3:20-21 (PHILLIPS)

How have you imagined God using you?

Let’s look at the 5 purposes from this week’s message:

1. We were created us to BE LOVED by God. *(Ask someone to FIND and READ Jude 1:1)*

Do you feel loved by GOD?

2. We were created to BELONG to God’s family. *(Ask someone to FIND and READ Ephesians 2:19)*

What does BELONGING mean to you?

3. We were created to BECOME like Jesus. *(Ask someone to FIND and READ Romans 8:28-29)*

How do we become more like Jesus? *(301 class, serving by faith, 401 class)*

4. We were created to BE A BLESSING to others. (*Ask someone to FIND and READ Romans 8:28-29*)

How are you being a blessing to others?

5. We were created to BRING others into God's family. (*Ask someone to FIND and READ 2 Cor. 5:18*)

Ask everyone to share who brought them into God's family.

Our mission statement at Coastal is:

"To make more and better followers of Christ, and Christ following Churches."

Bringing others to God is so important in our overall purpose. As Christians, we should have a strong desire to share the eternal life we have and the forgiveness that comes with being a child of God.

One of Coastal's Values reads:

"Every person deserves to have the Good News of Christ communicated in a way that they can clearly understand and relate to. That communication includes relevant language, culture and music."

FINAL THOUGHTS:

BRINGING people to Christ is really the basic purpose that God has for us. Many of us have specific talents (gifts) that we have been given by God and he intends for us to use these gifts to share the good news. We should be in constant prayer to help us discover how we should apply our purpose.

READ 2 Corinthians 5:18:

"Through Christ, God made peace between us and himself. Then God gave us the work of bringing others into peace with him."

We are also reminded that we must make sure we "walk the walk" and "talk the talk". As a group, we need to make sure we are continuing to lift each other up as we walk through the purpose that God has for us. We do this by loving God, impacting others to love God and sharing the love of God by engaging authentically with others.

Have you found your purpose?

How can our group pray for you?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Additional Scriptures:

John 20:21

Romans 1:16

Romans 10:13-15

2 Timothy 4:2

IMAGINE

“Being the Difference”

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God created you for five purposes:

- ...to be loved by God. (Jude 1:1)
- ...to belong to God’s family. (Ephesians 2:19)
- ...to become like Jesus. (Romans 8:28-29)
- ...to be a blessing to others by serving God. (Galatians 1:15)
- ...to bring others into God’s family.

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2 Corinthians 5:18 (ICB)

“Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you...’”

John 20:21 (NIV)

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How can I help bring others into God’s family:

1. Walk the talk
2. Talk the walk

“‘Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?”

Romans 10:13-15 (NLT)

“Proclaim the Message with intensity; keep on your watch. Challenge, warn, and urge your people. Don’t ever quit. Just keep it simple.”

2 Timothy 4:2 (MSG)

2 simple ways you can help bring others into God’s family:

- Invite them to Coastal
- Invite them to Christ

“I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes.”

Romans 1:16 (NLT)