

Living with Purpose

WEEK 2: To Live with Purpose, Do the Work

BIG IDEA:

God has something so much then us just taking whatever is being thrown at us. The burden you bear often reveals the calling you'll embrace. The calling you embrace often brings the purpose that you are seeking. That place of God stirring something in your spirit will often be the place where God will show you his purpose, the place where God will want you to use you to make a difference. If He's given it to you, then He will give you the steps to take to make it happen. But we have some work to do!

KEY VERSES:

Nehemiah 2:1-2, 4-8 I had not been sad in his presence before, so the king asked me, "Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart." The king said to me, "What is it you want?" Then I prayed to the God of heaven, and I answered the king "If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it." Then the king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked me, "How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?" It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time. I also said to him, "If it pleases the king, may I have letters to the governors of Trans-Euphrates, so that they will provide me safe-conduct until I arrive in Judah? And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the royal park, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple and for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy?" And because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests.

Nehemiah 2:17-18 Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace." I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Are you happy with your life right now?

Key Point #1: To live with purpose, do the work and seek God faithfully

2. How faithfully are you seeking God?

Key Point #2: Define the vision clearly

3. How specific is your vision? What steps do you need to take to let God to define your vision?

Key Point #3: Make plans carefully

4. Where are you headed?
5. What steps do you need to take now in order to get there?

Key Point #4: Inspire people passionately

6. What are you doing to intentionally surround yourself with people that can help you follow God's vision for your life?

MOVING FORWARD:

God is working. God is moving. He'll never leave us. Never forsake us. We have the responsibility to inspire those around to the work of God that is taking place within us! We need to get our passion back. What burdens you? What is God breaking your heart over? Are you willing to faithfully seek him? Will you put in the work so that he can clearly define it for you? Will you, not someone else, make a plan? And then will you inspire those around you to join you in the work?