



Sermon Discussion Guide: Live on Purpose

Series: Favorites

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Scripture: Luke 4:16–19; Luke 5:17–25 (NRSVue)

Opening Prayer

Jesus, You came with purpose—to bring good news, release, healing, and freedom. As we read Your words and witness Your actions, help us discover again the call to live intentionally.

May Your Spirit show us what it means to follow You—boldly, humbly, and with joy. In Your name we pray, Amen.

Introduction & Context

This week's message began with a small mix-up—Luke 5 was read instead of Luke 4. But what could've been a mistake became an unexpected gift. Both passages, side by side, offer a powerful picture of what it means to live on purpose.

In **Luke 4**, Jesus steps into the synagogue and publicly claims His mission—to proclaim good news, release, healing, and freedom. It's a clear declaration of identity and calling.

Then in **Luke 5**, we see that mission in action. Friends lower a paralyzed man through a roof to get him to Jesus. What happens next is healing, forgiveness, and awe. It's a story of compassion, boldness, and transformation.

Pastor Shawn shared how Luke 4 has long been a favorite because it reminds him of his calling. And now Luke 5 is becoming a new favorite—showing how healing often requires partnership, faith, and vulnerability.





Discussion Questions

1. Called with Purpose

In Luke 4, Jesus declares His purpose using Isaiah's words.

- a. What stands out to you about Jesus' mission statement?
- b. How does His purpose shape your understanding of your own calling or identity?

2. The Power of Friendship

In Luke 5, it's the faith of the friends that sets healing in motion.

- a. Have you ever experienced someone else's faith helping carry you to Jesus?
- b. Who are the "roof-ripping" friends in your life—or whose roof might you help tear open?

3. Faith in Action

The friends didn't just talk about helping—they acted with urgency and creativity.

- a. Where might God be calling you to move beyond words to action in your faith?
- b. What's one creative or practical way you can help someone get closer to Jesus this week?

4. Receiving Help

Pastor Shawn shared that he sometimes sees himself not as the helper, but as the one being helped—the paralyzed man.

- a. Is it difficult for you to accept help or be vulnerable? Why?
- b. What might healing or growth look like for you right now? Who's helping carry you?

Application & Challenge

1. Live on Purpose

Revisit Jesus' words in Luke 4. Choose one phrase (e.g., "good news to the poor" or "freedom for the oppressed") and ask:

What would it look like to live this out in my own life this week?



2. Reach Out

Think of one person who may be feeling stuck or isolated. Reach out with encouragement, prayer, or practical help. Ask:

How can I help carry someone into the presence of Jesus?

3. Name and Thank Your People

Make a list of the people who have carried you in hard times. Send a note, text, or make a call to thank them. If you don't have people like that right now, make it your prayer this week:

"God, bring me friends of faith—and help me become one."

Closing Prayer

Jesus,

Thank You for calling us to live with purpose and for showing us what that looks like.

Help us be bold like the friends in Luke 5, compassionate like You, and humble enough to receive help when we need it.

May our lives reflect the Good News You proclaimed and practiced.

Amen.

Key Takeaway

Living on purpose isn't about doing more—it's about following Jesus more closely.

Sometimes that means leading boldly, and other times it means letting others carry us.

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