Discovering Your Purpose

Matthew 4:12–17

Understanding the Timing of Jesus

- Jesus ministered privately before going public
- God develops you privately before revealing you publicly
- See: Mark 1:15, Mark 6:1–6, John 1:46

Reflection: Where has God been developing you behind the scenes?

When Purpose Meets Timing

- Jesus moved when the time had come
- John's imprisonment was the signal
- God gives signals for movement

Reflection: Are you in preparation or launch?

You Have a Specific Purpose

- Every believer is called and sent
- Without seeking purpose, you fall into old patterns
- Purpose must be pursued

Reflection: Are you actively seeking God's purpose?

Preparation Before Promotion

- Jesus waited and did not compete with John
- God avoids confusion and competition
- Timing protects purpose

Reflection: Are you forcing your moment or trusting God?

How God Guides Purpose

- Walking with God brings clarity
- You will know your purpose and your timing

Reflection: How is your relationship with God shaping your direction?

Kingdom Mindset: No Competition

- Believers are joint servants
- We must pass the baton to the next generation
- Ministry is about continuity, not control

Reflection: Are you building something that will outlive you?

Strategic Positioning Matters

- Jesus left Nazareth for Capernaum
- Positioning impacts purpose
- Comfort does not equal calling

Reflection: Are you positioned for comfort or impact?

The Mission: People

- Jesus focused on people in need, darkness, and near death
- Purpose is always tied to people

Reflection: Who has God placed in your life to impact?

Light vs Darkness

- People can sit comfortably in darkness
- Light has come, and choice is available
- You can walk into freedom

Reflection: What area of your life needs more light?

Final Challenge

You are not here by accident. You have a purpose, there is a time for it, and God will guide you into it. Will you stay in comfort or step into calling?

Personal Application

One thing God is showing me: _____

One step I need to take: _____

One person I can impact this week: _____