MINDSETS: A PURPOSE MINDSET DISCUSSION GUIDE

SUMMARY:

What do a smart phone, a vehicle, and a computer have in common? They are things created to make our lives easier and manageable. They were created with that purpose in mind. Likewise, if we look around us, everything we see in creation has a purpose. God does not look at His creation and say "oops." Everything has meaning. The same is true for humanity. Every human being has purpose in their hearts; God put it there (Ecc 3:11). We can't escape or get around this. So, as followers of the Lord Jesus, how should we then live? Well, we live with purpose! In our passage today, the apostle Paul gives us some tools in having a purpose mindset.

Key Passages: Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10

Be sure to read this Scripture passage together before you proceed to the "Grow" section of our study.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

KNOW: Spend some time finding out how everyone's week has gone.

The questions in this section provide a guide for connectivity; feel free to approach this part of your group time organically over a meal or "connection" activity or with questions appropriate to your context. What is something that you are thankful for this week? What is something that is causing you stress or concern this week? Who in your life is in need of prayer, physical help, or emotional encouragement right now?

GROW: Grow in the Lord as you engage His Word together.

What do you think your purpose on this earth is?

What does being "renewed day by day" mean? Is God doing the work? What role do we play in this?

As followers of Jesus, we know that suffering is part of our life on this side. How then would you unpack 2 Corinthians 4:17?

GO: Talk through ways you can put what you've learned into practice.

What do we learn from Paul's purpose mindset in our primary passage today? How does this challenge us?

How do we see Jesus in the middle of suffering?

What can you change this week in your life to have a mindset that is focused on your eternal destiny in Jesus rather than your temporary circumstance?



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