



## On Purpose (Part 2: Live On Purpose)

Tupos Student Ministries  
Wednesday Night Live – December 7, 2011

**Video** = "Live To Worship" (Igniter Videos, Vol 10, 2:47)

We live to worship Him... we were made on purpose (last week),  
and now it is time to live on purpose!

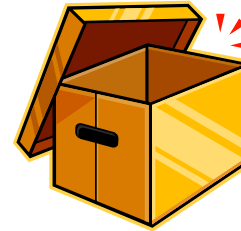
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### I. Realizing Your Purpose

#### a. Made For A Point, Right?

- i. Maybe you have been sitting around... wasting your life away, thinking to yourself, "what is the point of this life anyway?"
- ii. Maybe you can learn from this empty box...
  1. **Empty Box Illustration:** What can you do with an empty box? Well, we can stand it up on it's side and pretend that it is a refrigerator! But wait.....if we really use it for that, then all the food we put in will begin to spoil and stink up the place. OK, we can lay it flat, climb in it and use it for a



- car! But wait....I'm too big to fit in the box. I'd crush it! Besides, it has no wheels.....we wouldn't get very far. I know! I'll use it for a hat! But wait.....the box is too big for my head, and it really isn't very stylish. Hmmmm.....maybe this box just doesn't have a purpose.
2. But this box has a purpose! It is best used when it is used as it was designed! You can put things in the box and store things in it! That is what this box was made for! It is only really of value to me if I can use it for what I designed it for!
3. Same is true of our lives for God!

iii. Remember = "For I know the plans I have for you" (Jer. 29:11, NLT)

iv. Let's rewind a little to last week...

#### b. Made On Purpose For His Purpose

- i. "You are not an accident. Even before the universe was created, God had you in mind, and he planned you for his purposes. These purposes will extend far beyond the few years you will spend on earth. You were made to last forever!" (Rick Warren)
- ii. Summary of Purpose-Driven Life (5 Purposes):
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#### c. Made For Something More

- i. If we were planned, and formed, and created, and shaped, and made for something...
- ii. "More men fail through lack of purpose than lack of talent." (Billy Sunday)
- iii. Then, there has got to be more! More to life...

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1. Is there more to life? What do you think?
2. Speaking of purpose? What's the "purpose" for that video? What stuck out to you? (Students share)
3. So, if there is more... how do we find out what it is and live it out?

## II. Living Out Your Purpose

### a. Living Your Whole Purpose

- i. "I want the whole Christ for my Savior, the whole Bible for my book, the whole Church for my fellowship, and the whole world for my mission field." (John Wesley)
- ii. Really want to live on purpose... gotta go all out!

### b. Living On Purpose

- i. Ever heard of a purpose (mission) statement? The purpose of why things exist? Why this church exists?
- ii. Tupos' Purpose Statement = "Through energized worship and exhilarating events, we desire to encourage believers of Jesus Christ to go deeper in their personal relationship with Him and challenge them to be an example in all of life for their friends and family."
- iii. We know why we exist! Do you?
  1. Once you do, it's time to live on purpose for His purpose (the One who gave you purpose in the first place)!

### c. Living For His Purpose

- i. "You are to follow only God, your God, hold him in deep reverence, keep his commandments, listen obediently to what he says, serve him—hold on to him for dear life!" (Deut. 13:4, Msg)
- ii. 5 Steps Toward Living For God (**Live FRESH**):
  1. **F**ollow Him, more than anything else! ("I will follow You...")
  2. **R**espect Him with everything you've got!
  3. **E**xperience His Word (commandments) and keep in line with them (no matter how hard)
  4. **S**pend time with Him (listen and obey)
  5. **H**ang on tightly (cling) to Him (never let go, cause He never lets go of you)
- iii. What do you need to do right now (tonight) to get back on track with your purpose and living for His purpose?
  1. **Write it out!** Fill out the lines on your hand out with things you need to do now to get back to your purpose!
  2. (If time, some students share)



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## Tupos Student Ministries Small Group Life Application Sheet



Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Lesson Theme: Live On Purpose (Part 2)

Lesson Objective: This is part 2 of our 2-part series about purpose. All based on the idea that we were made on purpose for God's purpose. This week we will focus on how we can live "on purpose" for Him!

Lesson Text: **Jeremiah 29:11-13** = "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope..." (NLT)

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Name a few things you could do with your life to live "on purpose" for God right now.
2. According to the video, what's it mean to be the "church"?
3. Scale of 1 to 10 (10 being the best) = how well are you living "on purpose" for God right now?

Prayer Time: Thank God for using you, in spite of you. Amen!



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## I. \_\_\_\_\_ Your Purpose

### a. Made For A \_\_\_\_\_, Right?

- What is the point to this life anyway?
- Are you doing what you were designed for?

### b. Made \_\_\_\_\_ Purpose For \_\_\_\_\_ Purpose

### c. Made For \_\_\_\_\_

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## II. \_\_\_\_\_ Out Your Purpose

### a. Living Your \_\_\_\_\_ Purpose

### b. Living \_\_\_\_\_ Purpose

- What's your purpose statement?

### c. Living For \_\_\_\_\_ Purpose

- Deuteronomy 13:4
- 5 Steps Toward Living For God (**FRESH**)
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_ Him more than anything
  - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ Him with everything
  - iii. \_\_\_\_\_ His Word
  - iv. \_\_\_\_\_ time with Him
  - v. \_\_\_\_\_ on tightly to Him



**What do I need to do right now to get back on track with my purpose and living for His purpose?**

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## I. What Is Your Purpose?

### a. Understanding The Idea of Purpose

- i. Purpose defined = **reason, point, function, use**
  1. Every one of us a reason for living, a purpose for being alive.
  2. Individually it may not seem like much, but together... we have a great purpose!
- ii. **Cake illustration (working together for God’s plan)**
  3. A small bag of each = flour, salt, raw eggs, sugar, oil, baking soda and powder. Cake.
  4. Romans 8:28-29 = “We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.”
  5. 1 Corinthians 12:27 = “All of you together are Christ’s body, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it.”
- iii. We all have a purpose, together & separately.



## b. Knowing You Were Made On Purpose

- i. Just to clarify... you know God made you just the way He wants you, right?
  1. You are no accident. The things that happen in your life are no surprise to God. He know what’s He’s doing & why.
- ii. Psalm 139:14 = “I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.” (NIV)
  1. Msg = “You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body; You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit, how I was sculpted from nothing into something.”
- iii. You are “something”! So...live like it!

## c. Living Out Your Purpose

- i. Our ideas change, our plans change, our friends and relationships change, our lives will change.
- ii. One thing that **never** changes is the Lord.
  1. “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8, NLT)
  2. Jer. 29:11-13 = “The Lord here places considerable emphasis on His unchangeable plan to bring ‘peace’ and not ‘evil’.” (Compact Bible Commentary, pg 531)
- iii. If that doesn’t cause you to be thankful, I don’t know what will. Speaking of thankfulness (like we just celebrated last Thursday)... think about this:

**Video** = “Thankful” (Igniter Videos, Vol 11, 2:47)

“Lord, I’m struggling, show me what I have to be thankful for...”

## II. Thankful On Purpose

### a. How Thankful Are We Really?

- i. I take too much for granted when it comes to what I am thankful for.
- ii. It’s a shame it takes this time of year to remind me to be so thankful! (Thanksgiving)
- iii. **Christmas** is approaching = my favorite phrase is: “Christmas, the time of year when we act the way we should the rest of the year” (JoyFM)

### b. What If...

- i. What if all we had tomorrow is what we were thankful for today? (Sandra Moore)
- ii. Thanks defined = “**appreciation, credit, gratitude, merit, recognition**”

- iii. Let's remember to give credit where credit is due... to the Lord! Recognize & give merit to Him!

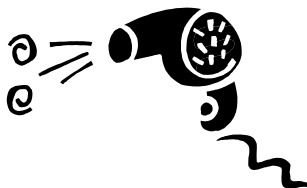
### III. How To Be Driven By Purpose

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- iii. Next week (part 2) we'll look at more about how to actually LIVE on purpose for God... not just know you were made on purpose by Him.

#### b. How To Really Know Your Purpose

- i. "A man without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder--a waif, a nothing, a no man. Have a purpose in life, and, having it, throw such strength of mind and muscle into your work as God has given you." (Thomas Carlyle)
- ii. Blow-dryer Illustration (Blow-dryer & Ext. cord)
  1. What is this thing? What's it for? No power, no work. (Plug in & turn on)
  2. Represents us as Christians. If we don't give the blow-dryer power, it can't be used. The same is true with us. God is our power source...we need to plug ourselves into God so we can be used for his purposes.
  3. "God is my strength and power; and he maketh my way perfect." (2 Samuel 22:33)
  4. To use God's power is free of charge. We stay connected to Him... Then God can use us for his purposes...
- iii. And being used for His plans is better than anything we could ever plan. His plans are better!



"For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:9, NLT)

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#### Discussion Questions:

1. Do you feel like you have purpose in your life?
2. What are some things God wants to see you do with your life?
3. How can you better fulfill your purpose for God?

Prayer Time: Thank the Lord for having a purpose with your life. Even if you don't understand it at times.



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## I. What Is Your \_\_\_\_\_ ?

### a. \_\_\_\_\_ The Idea of Purpose

- Purpose = \_\_\_\_\_
- Like a cake... (Rom. 8:28-29, 1 Cor. 12:27)

### b. Knowing \_\_\_\_\_ Were \_\_\_\_\_ On Purpose

- Psalm 139:14
- You are "something"! Live like it!

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- We change. He NEVER does.

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- You were made for a \_\_\_\_\_

### b. How To Really \_\_\_\_\_ Your Purpose

- Plug into His power = 2 Samuel 22:33
- His plans are better = Isaiah 55:9

**We were \_\_\_\_\_ on purpose for \_\_\_\_\_ purpose!**