

Series: Real Life on Purpose
Message: Purpose-filled Worship

February 12, 2023

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:8-9 | Psalm 139:13-16 | Romans 12:1-2, 9-21
Revelation 21:1-7

What is Real Life on purpose? *To know God and live in relationship with Him.*

WORSHIP: Having/showing an intense love or admiration for something.

I am God's creation.

Worship is a response to God's mercy.

Worship is a molding process. Christ shapes us into His likeness:

- Belief
- Growth
- Worship
- Trust
- Openness

Barriers to Worship:

- Lack of trust.
- Unconfessed sin.
- Keeping worship optional.
- Boredom.
- Excuses.

Overcome Barriers:

- Pray
- The Word
- Respond
- Worship

Life Group Study

For week of February 12, 2023

Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today! <https://rlc.pub/groups>

Share your story

Looking back over what Jeff talked about on Sunday, was there something you'd like to share?

Worshiping the Lord (loving Him with our heart, soul, and strength) is a normal part of the Christian life. What are barriers that keep you from worshiping Jesus?

Have there been barriers that the Lord has helped you overcome? What did He teach you about worshiping Him?

Connect to God's story

The Psalms is a collection of meditation poetry that God graciously gave us to sit with a thought, contemplate what the Lord is teaching you and respond in worship.

Read Psalm 139.

When we worship the Lord, we are not communicating with someone who doesn't know us. How do you respond to God knowing you as intimately as David describes in this Psalm?

Take some time and thank God for how He created and knows you.

Read Psalm 139:19-24

David gets real about his enemies and those who are opposed to God and His expression can seem really uncomfortable. Do you talk with the Lord about those who frustrate you?

How important are verses 23-24 in light of 19-22? Have you ever found it difficult to see your own heart when really mad about someone else?

Why is it important to allow the Lord to reveal your own offenses? Why do we tend to be so blind to such big barriers in our life?

Read Luke 10:38-42.

What was Martha's concern? Can you relate to her frustration? How? What was Mary's concern? Can you relate to her decision? How?

What was Jesus' response and what can we learn from the Lord about worshiping Him? Do you ever get distracted by someone else's worship? What is Jesus teaching you in these moments?

Read Matthew 26:6-13.

It can be easy to equate worship with singing but there are so many ways that we can worship Jesus. What was this woman's act of worship? What are some other ways you can worship the Lord?

What did Jesus' disciples think of her act of worship? Have you ever had a moment, like them, where the Lord revealed to your heart that you were judging someone else's worship? What is Jesus teaching you about worship this week?

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful relationships with Jesus and each other through the study of God's Word (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25).

Here's how we accomplish this in our community throughout the week:

SHARE

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned "sharing questions." But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

STUDY

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life by following Jesus.

SUPPORT

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

SERVE

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16).

Throughout the Life Group session, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways the Father has designed you to serve and make a difference in His kingdom as He conforms you to the image of His Son! (Romans 8:28-30)