# Series: Real Life on Purpose

January 15, 2023

## **Message: Pursuing Jesus**

Exodus 5:22-23 | Joshua 1:7-8 | Psalm 5:1-3; 119:9-11 | Isaiah 40:28-31 John 10:10b; 10:27; 17:13-26 | Romans 1:12 | Philippians 4:6 2 Timothy 3:14-17 | 1 Peter 2:2

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

Jesus is pursuing you.

Pursue Jesus:

- 1. Know His story (the Word).
  - It is vital to my success.
  - It is vital to my purity.
  - It is vital to my strength.
  - It is vital to my growth.
- 2. Talk to Jesus.
  - With "gut level" honesty.
  - About everything that matters to you.
  - Continually.
  - Listen for His response.
- 3. Walk and talk with other pursuers of Jesus.

Intention does not change my life... Action does.

#### My action steps:

- 1. Know His story. (when, where, and how)
- 2. Talk to Jesus. (when where, and how)
- 3. Walk and talk with other pursuers of Jesus. (when, where, and how)

## Life Group Study

For week of January 15, 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! <u>https://rlc.pub/groups</u>

## Share your story

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

How did you come to know the story of Jesus? What difference has His story made to yours?

## **Connect to God's story**

### Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17.

According to Paul's letter to Timothy, what can we expect if we want to live a godly life in Christ? How might sound teaching, faith, patience, love and endurance help equip you to face certain persecution and suffering?

List below some of the benefits of Scripture found in this passage:

#### Read Psalm 19:7-11.

What are the benefits of God's word that you find in this passage?

How might songs, like this poem, help you remember and take to heart what is written in Scripture?

Do you trust the Lord's instructions and commands? Why is this difficult at times? (David, the writer of this poem, also wrestled with this. Read Psalm 19:12-14 on his struggle and resolution.)

#### Read Colossians 1:15-22.

What do you learn about Christ Jesus in this passage? What do you learn about yourself?

Do you believe what is written about who Jesus is, what He did as well as your standing before Him? What makes these things so difficult to believe at times?

What are some things revealed about Jesus that you would like to express back to him in thanksgiving and worship?

## 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)