

Church of the Olive

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LIFE OF PURPOSE

GUIDE

A note from Pastor J.

Hello!

Welcome to the Life of Purpose series!

I am so glad that you have chosen to be a part of what I believe will be a very significant spiritual journey for you. I believe that the next six weeks will encourage and grow you. It will renew our love for God and create unity as a church family.

You were created for a purpose. You are also uniquely positioned for your divine purpose. Over the next six weeks, we will allow the Spirit of God to remind us again, that we were intentionally placed, here – this time, place and generation – for a reason that is way bigger than just our lifetime.

Gilbert. K. Chesterton said, “We need to be reminded more than we need to be instructed.”

Together, we will also ask God to reveal his purpose, both as individuals and as a church. So, thank you again. It is so much better to walk into the next season God has for us, when we can do so in the company of like-minded people.

Love you madly! Ps. J

The Life of Purpose Series

This **Life of Purpose Guide** will help you get the most out of the Life of Purpose Series.

Jesus was clear about his life's purpose, and the greatest threat to us. In John 10:10, he says "The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life."

This life is freely available to all who believe in Jesus.

At Church**Alive** we focus on four core values which help us live out our faith walk in practical ways. These are:

Know God

Get Connected

Discover Purpose

Make a Difference

You will find these four steps will help you focus on what really matters, and grow in your relationship with God and with others. These steps will empower you to live the rich and satisfying life that Jesus offers.

What will you need:

► **A Life of Purpose Guide**

► **A Bible that you can use daily.**

We recommend the New Living Translation. You can use a printed Bible, or an online Bible. Many at Church**Alive** use the free YouVersion Bible App on their phones.

► **A pen to write down your thoughts in the workbook.**

► **Access to the video sessions.**

You can join a **LifeGroup** or do it on your own. The video sessions are available on the Church**Alive** website (Resources - Series - Life of Purpose or www.churchalive.org.za/life-of-purpose).

Each session is 25 to 30 minutes long.

► **People to discuss the content with.**

We recommend a **LifeGroup** but you can do this with your family, a group of friends or colleagues at work.

How to get the most from the Life of Purpose Series

1. Connect with the Weekly Sermons at ChurchAlive

Each week for the 7 weeks, the Sunday sermons will relate to the Life of Purpose series. This will help you discover the rich and satisfying life that Jesus desires for you.

2. Read the Daily Devotions in this Life of Purpose Guide

This section contains a daily Bible reading and something to reflect on. We also encourage you to read a larger section of God's Word regularly.

3. Use the Life of Purpose Guide for Small Group Time

- **Connecting:** You'll open each meeting with a few questions to help focus everyone's attention on the theme of the session.
- **Memory Verse:** Each week you'll find a different key Bible verse for your group to memorise together.
- **Video Session:** There's a Video Teaching for the group to watch together each week. Fill in the blanks in your workbook as you watch the video. The video sessions are on our website (Resources - Series - Life of Purpose or www.churchalive.org.za/life-of-purpose).

- **Questions:** Following each video lesson, you'll find questions for group discussion. Don't feel like you need to answer every question. If you don't get through all of the discussion questions, don't worry about it. Give each person in the group a chance to comment on what was meaningful to them.
- **Next Steps:** We believe that our walk with Jesus is made up of many steps to put what you have learnt into practice. As you work through the material, look out for the NEXT STEP that you feel God wants you to take. Write it down and set a date and time that you want to take that step.
- **Prayer:** At the end of each session, list your praise and prayer points in your notebook. Don't forget to pray for each other throughout the week.

Where to access online links:

Website:

www.churchalive.org.za/life-of-purpose

www.churchalive.org.za/english-kids/

YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLuOYfqjmFCLyWxAn-HiJOjKn3RPNJFaem>

WEEK 1: WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?

Connecting

If you're meeting for the first time, go around the circle and introduce yourselves. Have each person share an interesting fact about themselves and answer the following questions:

- What careers did you dream about when you were a child?
- What are you hoping to get out of this series?

Memory Verse

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."

Jeremiah 29:11

Video Session

Watch the Session One Video now and take notes.

1. Without knowing your purpose,

life will become _____.

2. Without knowing your purpose,

life will seem _____.

3. Without knowing your purpose,

life will seem _____.

1. Knowing the purpose of your life,
will give your life _____.
2. Knowing the purpose of your life,
will _____ your life.
3. Knowing the purpose of your life,
will increase your _____ for life.
4. Knowing the purpose of your life,
will prepare you for _____.

Some Bible verses mentioned in the session:

Ecclesiastes 7:25 | Ecclesiastes 1:5-9 | Ecclesiastes 1:15

Ephesians 1:11-12 | Philippians 3:12-14 | Ecclesiastes 3:11

Discussion Questions

1. Which of the 3 negatives from not knowing God's purpose for your life are you most concerned about at the moment? Why?
2. Which positive outcomes from knowing God's purpose for your life are you most excited about, and why?
3. Which bible verse stood out for you?
4. Are you able to commit to the Weekly Sunday Sermons, attending the 6 **Life**Group sessions and Daily Bible Readings? Why do you think these elements are recommended?
5. For Parents – There are age appropriate resources for Kids too! Help them engage with the series and find some time to discuss the topics together as a family. Find them at churchalive.org.za/english-kids.

Next Steps

What do you feel God is prompting you to do this week?

Prayer

Thank God that He made you for a purpose.

Ask God to help you discover and clarify your unique purpose in life.

Recommit your life to Him and ask Him to give you a desire for His Word and His will.

Ask God to show you any people you need to invite to join this series. Pray for any specific needs in the group. Remember to get feedback on these requests.

Daily Bible Readings for this week

Daily time reading and thinking about God's word is one of the key catalysts for spiritual growth. Read the verse for the day. If possible, read a full chapter from the Bible. Consider the question. Spend some time praying.

Day 1: Our True Purpose is Found in our Creator

We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created. For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. **Colossians 1:15-16 (MSG)**

Do I find my purpose in the temporary things of this world or in my eternal Creator?

Day 2: You were thoughtfully Created

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb... You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. **Psalms 139:12; 16 (NLT)**

Since God thoughtfully created every part of me – what are some of the unchangeable parts of myself that I should start embracing instead of rejecting?

Day 3: Perfect Peace

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! **Isaiah 26:3 (NIV)**

In what areas of my life am I currently not experiencing peace?

Day 4: Living in Light of Eternity

And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

1 John 2:17 (NLT)

What is one thing I can start doing today that prioritizes my eternity over my temporary life on earth?

Day 5: Faithful in the Small & Big Things

If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities. **Luke 16:10 (NLT)**

What are some ways in which I can start being more faithful with what God has entrusted to me?

Day 6: Our Valuable and Limited Time on Earth

Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered—how fleeting my life is. **Psalm 39:4 (NLT)**

What is something that God has been nudging me to do in the present which I have been putting off?

Day 7: Glorifying God

For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen. **Romans 11:36 (NLT)**

What parts of my daily life can I show God the glory and recognition He deserves?

WEEK 2: KNOW GOD

LIVING A LIFE OF WORSHIP

Connecting

If there are new people in the group, welcome them and make sure that they have a Life of Purpose Guide. Find out how the week has been for each person, and answer the following questions:

- What verse or concept stood out for you from last week's session or Bible readings?
- What does the word 'worship' mean to you?

Memory Verse

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable.

This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2

Video Session

1. The principle of _____.

2. The principle of _____.

3. The principle of _____.

Some Bible verses mentioned in the session:

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 | Psalm 16:8 | Romans 8:28

Discussion Questions

1. Which principle did you find most challenging? Why?
2. Why do you think people turn to religion and religious practises instead of relating to God in the way that is described in Romans 12?
3. Describe a time when you felt God's presence or felt close to God. What did you feel God said to you in that moment?

Next Steps

Which area of your life do you feel you want to bring to God as a sacrifice? What does this mean practically for you this week?

Prayer

1. Take a few moments of private, silent prayer so that each person can dedicate themselves to God with a heart of worship.
2. Pray about specific needs in the group.
3. Pray for the other groups that God will speak to people in clear ways.

Daily Bible Readings for this week

Day 8: Created because it pleased God

“You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honour and power. For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased.” **Revelation 4:11 (NLT)**

What is something that I am currently doing or could start doing as if it were directly for God’s pleasure?

Day 9: Trusting God’s love

The Lord doesn’t care about the strength of horses or powerful armies. The Lord is pleased only with those who worship him and trust his love. **Psalm 147: 10-11 (CEV)**

In what areas of my life do I need to start trusting in God’s Love more?

Day 10: The Blessing of Surrender

Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. **Luke 9:23 (NLT)**

What aspect of my life am I currently not surrendering to Jesus?

Day 11: Friendship with God

For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. **Romans 5:10 (NLT)**

What practical steps can I take to think about God and talk to Him more on a daily basis?

Day 12: The Link Between Obedience and Friendship

You are my friends if you do what I command. **John 15:14 (NLT)**

In what ways can I grow in obedience to what Jesus is asking of me?

Day 13: Loving God with your Everything

And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’ **Mark 12:30 (NLT)**

What am I currently giving love to that God deserves instead?

Day 14: God is Always Available even When we Can’t Sense His Presence

“And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
Matthew 28:20b (NLT)

When God is feeling distant what can I practically do to focus on His presence in my life?

WEEK 3: GET CONNECTED TO GOD'S FAMILY

Connecting

- What verse or concept stood out for you from last week's session or Bible readings?
- Who was your favourite person when you were growing up and why?

Memory Verse

"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

John 13:34-35

Video Session

Fellowship has four levels of learning:

1. The fellowship of _____.

Share your _____.

Share your _____.

2. The fellowship of _____.

3. The fellowship of _____.

4. The fellowship of _____.

Some Bible verses mentioned in the session:

**Galatians 6:2 | Ephesians 1:5 | John 1:12-13 | Acts 2:44 |
Hebrews 10:25 | 1 Corinthians 14:26-31 | Romans 12:15-16 |
Ephesians 2:19-20 | Romans 12:5 | Ecclesiastes 4:12 |
1 Corinthians 3:10 | Ephesians 4:16 | Galatians 6:2 | 1 John 3:16**

Discussion Questions

1. Which of the four levels of learning mentioned above have you experienced the most? Share an experience with the group.
2. Which of these four do you feel God wants you to develop?
3. Which of the verses mentioned today stood out to you and why?
4. What similarities and differences do you see between natural families and our spiritual family at church?

Next Steps

Ask God to show you one person this week who needs to experience God's love through fellowship. Do something practical this week to show them God's love.

Prayer

1. Start with giving thanks to God.
2. Follow up on previous prayer requests. Pray for something specific for each person in your group.

Daily Bible Readings for this week

Day 15: Welcomed into God's Family

See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! **1 John 3:1 (NLT)**

What are some practical ways in which I can start loving other believers as if they were a part of my biological family?

Day 16: A Life of Love toward Others

For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbour as yourself." **Galatians 5:14 (NLT)**

Am I currently prioritizing relationships with others? If not, what are some ways I can?

Day 17: The Importance of the Local Church

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. **Romans 5:4-5 (NLT)**

Does my current involvement within my local church reveal a true sense of love for God's family?

Day 18: Sharing our Lives with Others

Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. **Galatians 6:2 (NLT)**

What practical step can I take to connect with someone in this group or at church in a deeper way?

Day 19: Cultivating Community

You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results only if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honour.

James 3:18 (MSG)

How can I go about cultivating real community in my **Life**Group and local church?

Day 20: Restoring our Broken Relationships

Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. **Romans 12:18 (NLT)**

Which broken relationship in my life needs restoring?

Day 21: The Importance of Unity within the Local Church

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

Psalms 133:1 (NLT)

In what ways am I practically pursuing unity in my church family right now?

WEEK 4: GET CONNECTED AS A DISCIPLE

Connecting

- What verse or concept stood out for you from last week's session or Bible readings?
- What are some of the ways Jesus that showed God's love during his time on earth?
- What words would you use to describe Jesus character?

Memory Verse

Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

Philippians 2:12-13

Video Session

Working hard is _____ part.

Working in you, is _____ part.

Three tools God uses to make you more like Jesus:

1. The _____.

God's will is always _____ in God's Word.

Therefore, God's will never _____ God's Word.

_____ must be elevated above feelings.

2. The power of the _____.

God's Spirit gives us the _____ to change,
while his Word gives us the _____ by which we will change.

3. _____

God uses circumstances for our _____ not just our happiness.
He cares more about our _____ than our comfort.
God's will for us is _____ for life eternal,
not just to be pampered in the temporary life we live now.

Three choices that will help you become more like Jesus:

1. You can choose what you _____ about.
Our thoughts influence our _____,
which impact our _____.
_____ is the act of "changing your mind."
It's the _____ exchange my old way of thinking,
with God's truth.

2. You can choose to _____ on God's Spirit every day.

Our dependence on God is reflected in our _____ lives.

3. You can choose to _____ to circumstances the way Jesus would.

We choose whether an event will become a stepping-stone to

_____.

or a stumbling block to failure; whether it will make us

_____, or make us bitter.

The character of Christ will always choose to respond to circumstances with faith, love and _____.

Some Bible verses mentioned in the session:

**Philippians 2:12-13 | 2 Timothy 3:16 | Romans 10:17 | 2 Peter 1:3
| 2 Corinthians 3:1 | Romans 8:28 | Ephesians 4:23 | Psalm 119:9-11 | John 15:4-5 | James 1:2-4**

Discussion Questions

1. How could some of the circumstances you experienced this last week change you more into the image of Christ?
2. What do you find helps you to spend time in God's word and prayer regularly?
3. What other ways do you know of to develop these spiritual disciplines?

Next Steps

Which of the three decisions do you want to focus on this week?
What practical steps do you want to take to develop this area?

Prayer

1. Take a few moments in silent individual prayer. Pray for a deeper walk as a follower of Jesus (disciple).
2. Pray about obstacles to this process. Where needed, repent of things that hold you back from following Jesus wholeheartedly.
3. Pray aloud for one another for God to complete the work he has started in each person's life.

Daily Bible Readings for this week

Day 22: Becoming more like Jesus

God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him. **Romans 8:29 (MSG)**

In what way do I need to ask for the Holy Spirit's power to be more like Jesus today?

Day 23: Changing the way we Think

Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. **Romans 12:2 (NLT)**

What is one area where I need to start thinking in God's way and stop thinking in the ways of the world?

Day 24: Practical Faith

But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it. **James 1:25 (NLT)**

What is something that God has already shown me in His Word that I haven't started doing yet?

Day 25: Growing through Trials

So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though

your faith is far more precious than mere gold. **Peter 1:6-7 (NLT)**

What trial or difficult time in my life has produced the greatest growth in me?

Day 26: Enduring Temptation

God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. **James 1:12 (NLT)**

What practical steps can I take to endure my most common temptation while not giving into it?

Day 27: Overcoming Temptation

The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure. **1 Corinthians 10:13 (NLT)**

Who is someone that I can ask to provide support to me in defeating a persistent temptation?

Day 28: Spiritual Growth Takes Time

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. **Philippians 1:6 (NLT)**

In what area of my spiritual growth do I need to show more patience and what areas of my spiritual growth do I want to work on?

WEEK 5: DISCOVER PURPOSE

WE ARE SHAPED TO SERVE OTHERS

Connecting

- What verse or concept stood out for you from last week's session or Bible readings?
- Many people find that when we serve together, we grow closer together. What has your experience been?

Memory Verse

Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.

Galatians 6:10

Video Session

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Luke 10:30-37, we see three kinds of attitudes towards people in need:

1. Keep my _____.

2. Curious, but _____.

3. Get close enough to _____.

Four steps to serving on purpose:

1. _____ the needs of people around me.
2. _____ with people's pain.
3. _____ the moment and meet the need.
4. _____ whatever it takes.

God has shaped us to serve others. We see this in two important ways

_____ which serves the family of believers

_____ which serves the people around us,
who are not a part of our family yet

Some Bible verses mentioned in the session:

1 Corinthians 10:24 | Romans 12:15 | Galatians 6:2-3 |

2 Corinthians 1:4 | Proverbs 3:27-28

Discussion Questions

1. Have you done **GrowthTrack**? If so, which spiritual gifts were your highest scores and how are you developing them?

If not, would you consider joining **GrowthTrack** to help you discover your spiritual gifts and find ways to serve in church?

2. Which gifts and skills have you observed in the lives of the people in this group? Give each person feedback on things you think they are good at. Thank them for using these gifts and abilities to serve others.
3. Plan a small project together to use your gifts to reach out to others.
4. Discuss your plans for after you complete this series. Would you consider staying together as a group, in order to serve and grow together?

Next Steps

What will you do this week to develop and use your gifts to serve others?

Prayer

1. Pray for the ministry teams and team leaders at Church**Alive**.
2. Pray for individual needs in the group.
3. Pray for your group project.

Daily Bible Readings for this week

Day 29: Embracing Service to God

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

What are some practical ways in which I can start doing the good works which God has planned and revealed to me?

Day 30: Spiritual Gifts

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. **1 Corinthians 12:4; 7 (NLT)**

Which of my gifts do I enjoy serving others with?

Day 31: You are Uniquely Gifted

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. **1 Peter 4:10**

How can I serve my local church with the gift I have been given by God?

Day 32: Serving God in your Everyday Life

So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. **1 Corinthians 10:31 (NLT)**

How can I serve God in every detail of my life?

Day 33: A Servant Attitude

Whoever wants to be great must become a servant. Whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave. That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not to be served—and then to give away his life

in exchange for many who are held hostage.” **Mark 10:43-45 (MSG)**

What are some ways in which I view myself more important than those who I am called to serve?

Day 34: Modelling our Service on Jesus’ Example

Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. **Philippians 2:3-5 (NLT)**

Am I more focused on being served or finding ways to serve others?

Day 35 – Strength in our Weakness

That’s why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong. **(2 Corinthians 12:10 NLT)**

How can I be more honest about my weaknesses in a way that is helpful to others?

WEEK 6: MAKE A DIFFERENCE

WE WERE MADE FOR A MISSION

Connecting

- What verse or concept stood out for you from last week's session or Bible readings?
- Who invited you to church or shared about Jesus with you? Tell us about it briefly.

Memory Verse

Just as you sent me into the world,
I am sending them into the world.

John 17:18

Video Session

Evangelism means _____.

Four keys that will help us reach out to others and fulfil God's mission

1. The principle of _____.

Pray for God to soften your _____.

Pray for God to give you _____.

Pray for God to soften _____ hearts.

2. The principle of _____
3. The principle of _____
4. The principle of _____.

Some Bible verses mentioned in the session:

**Luke 15:17-26 | Romans 15:2-3 | Colossians 4:3 | Luke 5:20 |
Hebrews 7:25 | Colossians 4:5 | 1 Peter 3:15-16 | 2 Peter 3:9**

Discussion Questions

1. What are some of the main differences between your life now (that you are serving Christ) compared with when you were not a believer?
2. What are some reasons we hold back about sharing the good news about Jesus?
3. Today is the last session for this series. Confirm what each person's plans are. Will some continue to meet as a group? Will some start or join another group?

Next Steps

1. Who would you like to share the good news with? Commit to pray for them and look out for opportunities.
2. Plan a time to get together again for a social and to recap what you have learnt through this series.
3. If you have not yet completed your group project, finalise the plans for this.

Prayer

1. Pray for people who you would like to have standing next to you worshipping God.
2. Pray for blessing and wisdom for the group members as you decide on your next steps.
3. Pray for the good news to be heard by everyone in our city, our nation and our world.

Daily Bible Readings for this week

Day 36: Making a Difference

Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. **Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT)**

How does making disciples help make a difference?

Day 37: Sharing Your Story

And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way.

1 Peter 3:15b-16a (NLT)

Who can I share my personal story with this week? How can I be gentle and respectful as I explain my hope in Jesus?

Day 38: To the Ends of the Earth

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

In what way can I make a difference both locally as well as to the ends of the earth?

Day 39: Sharing what God has Given Us

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer... And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. **Acts 2:42; 44 (NLT)**

How can I be more open to sharing what God has given me with others?

Day 40: Leaving a Legacy

Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep. **Acts 13:36 (NIV)**

What am I doing to serve God's purposes in my own generation?

Next Steps at ChurchAlive

Here are some Next Steps for you to build on the foundation you have laid in the last 6 weeks:

- Put these steps into practice by attending church weekly so you can
KNOW GOD
GET CONNECTED
DISCOVER PURPOSE
MAKE A DIFFERENCE
- Continue in a new Bible reading plan: Visit Bible.com for a range of plans and look at some Bible reading plans on the YouVersion Bible app to help you stay in the Word.
- Be part of a **Life**Group to continue exploring the Bible in community. Perhaps some of the people that you did the Life of Purpose series with can continue to meet. Alternatively, you can check out the other **Life**Groups to find a **Life**Group that suits you!
- Do the Freedom Course: This is a 12 week course that runs regularly. It has small group meetings weekly for 12 weeks and then an Encounter weekend on a Friday night and all day Saturday. It is a great foundation for anyone new to faith or new to Church**Alive**.
- Attend **Growth**Track: This takes place on Sundays over 4 weeks and will help you find out more about how you can get involved at Church**Alive**.

Recommended Resources

KidsChurch: The **KidsChurch** series which complements this Life of Purpose series is called “Walking with Jesus”. It has fun, interactive weekly **KidsChurch** videos available on www.churchalive.org.za which will help children learn more about their daily walk of faith. Kids can also collect stickers and win prizes.

Finance Course: We recommend that everyone does the 4 week course 'On The Money' which gives practical as well as bible based principles and steps to manage your finances well and grow your financial legacy. Find details on our website (Resources - Series - On the Money or churchalive.org.za/on-the-money).

Kingdom Families: We all need to build positive dynamics with those closest to us. This series will equip you to understand God's priorities and how to put God honouring boundaries in place so that relationships can thrive. Find it on our website (Resources - Series - Kingdom Families or <https://churchalive.org.za/kingdom-families-3>).

YouVersion: A great app with multiple Bible translations plus a wide range of Bible reading plans.
<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans>

BibleGateway: A range of daily reading plans and devotionals categorized by men, women, families and more.
<https://www.biblegateway.com/devotionals/>

Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren is a classic best selling book. Many of the elements of this series were inspired by his book and video sessions. To dig deeper into these concepts, you can access his resources.

RightNow Media: ChurchAlive has signed up to RightNow Media & YOU have full access to it! Use this link: <http://bit.ly/ChurchAliveRNM> to sign up to access over 10,000 Christian videos, courses and more. Also try the RightNow Media phone app, which has video and audio options.

Answer Key for the Video Sessions

Session 1: What on Earth am I here for?

Without knowing your purpose, life will be

1. wearisome
2. unfulfilling
3. out of control

Knowing the purpose of your life

1. focus
2. simplify
3. motivation
4. eternity

Session 2: Know God

Principle of

1. dedication
2. insulation
3. transformation

Session 3: Get Connected to God's Family

Fellowship has four levels of learning:

1. sharing Share your experiences, support
2. belonging
3. service
4. suffering

Session 4: Get Connected as a Disciple

your, God's

Three tools God uses to make you more like Jesus:

1. The Bible; found, contradicts, truth
2. Holy spirit; power, means
3. Circumstances, holiness, character, perfection

Three choices that will help you become more like Jesus:

1. think, feelings, actions, Repentance, choice
2. depend, prayer,
3. respond , maturity, better, obedience

Session 5: Discover Purpose

Three kinds of attitudes towards people in need:

1. distance 2. Uninvolved 3. care

Four steps to serving on purpose:

1. Start seeing 2. Sympathise 3. Seize 4. Spend

Two ways of serving others

1. ministry and 2. mission

Session 6: Make a Difference

sharing good news

1. compassion, heart, opportunities, their

2. faith 3. action 4. persistence



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