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LIFE GROUPS

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How to Live a Life of Purpose: Seeing God's Hand and Plans in Our Daily Lives

Discussions Questions

MEMORY VERSE:

God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.

2 Timothy 1:9

Kicking It Off – Pastor Chuck talked about the “Great Resignation” that is occurring as a result of COVID. During these last two years so many people have taken the time to take stock of what things really mattered to them in life. Have you or someone close to you questioned your own purpose over these last two years? If so, what did you discover? Did you make any life altering decisions as a result? How do you feel about that?

1. Read 1 Peter 2:21–25. According to Peter accepting persecution and unjust treatment because of our faith is a part of God's plan. Why do you think he says this? What does Peter mean in verse 21, “leaving you an example that you should follow in his steps”? What does that look like in your life?
2. Read Isaiah 55:8–9. Why is it important to pray first before you plan? Tell about a time when you thought you were moving in the right direction only to have God upend your plans because they did not align with his.
3. Read Ephesians 2:10. Have someone read it in the NLT translation. How does it make you feel to know that you are God's masterpiece? How is being “created for good works” different than the belief that the way to heaven is through being a “good person” or doing “good works”? What is the real reason we should do good works?

Putting It into Action – Read 1 Thessalonians 2:4. What does this verse say about “people pleasing”? Who should we be seeking to please? Brainstorm with your group about ways you can stay on task when we are tempted to “go along to get along.” How can you and your group support one another to live a life rooted in God's purpose?