



On Purpose: From Running and Wandering to Following Small Group Experience Introduction

Now more than ever how we live matters. The influence and impact of our decisions, choices, and behaviors have a profound effect on the world around us. As Christ followers, we are called to live every day on a mission that is critical to God's purposes. That sounds wonderful in theory, but for some our journey is confusing, exhausting, and void of clarity and meaning. It may be because of choices we've made; much of our life experience is due to circumstances beyond our control. As we evaluate all we face and know today, how can we live *on purpose*?

How can we "[D]o everything in the name of the Lord Jesus"? (Colossians 3:17). How can we focus our journey on what God is calling us to do? Your small group experience over the next six weeks will help you remember, understand, and practice specific concepts that will help you live with purpose. Here's how to navigate each week:

- ***Listen to and remember the Sunday Sermons:*** Each week starts on Sunday with our corporate worship gathering. Commit to attending online or in person. Take notes and ask the Holy Spirit to open your heart and mind to hear and understand the message.
- ***Explore the Daily Readings:*** Beginning with Sunday, each week has daily readings that guide you deeper into each week's theme.
- ***Engage in the Small Group Experience:*** Commit to engage in this study with others. Join an existing small group, start a new one, or simply invite a few friends to learn with you. There are a weekly teaching video and questions to help you understand and consider each week's ideas.
- ***Apply everything:*** In order to take your next steps with Jesus, it is important to decide how you will do this in your life. Each week has group or individual exercises to help you discover real ways to be purposeful.

In addition to the weekly group experience, there are resources available in the Appendix of this book. These will challenge you to go further and deeper into your *on purpose* life. The weekly teaching and leader videos can be found at www.eastviewresources.com.

One final thing. . . This study offers an opportunity for us to influence our families, neighbors, friends, and community. Now more than ever, you and I need to be intentional about following Jesus *on purpose* to help those around us do the same. We are called to live a life worthy of the Gospel (Philippians 1:27). With God's help and by following his calling, we can do this.

Are you ready?

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