



Week 5: Living a Life of Purpose

...my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me...
—Acts 20:24 NIV

Big Idea

Purpose is about priorities. - It is about finding how you can make a difference and remaining focused on it. Without priorities and purpose, you may drift for days, months, or even years, wasting the precious moments God has given you on the earth. We can get so caught up in climbing the tree of influence, that we lose all purpose and become totally self-absorbed. As model men, serving is our lifestyle, our calling, our motivation. We live to give, live to serve, live to love. Serving your family, serving the lost and broken, serving the least and last is a purpose that will never change in this crazy world that can flip in an hour. Your wealth may evaporate, your job may disappear, your influence may wane, but you should never stop getting up each day saying, “Lord, what can I do today to bring You pleasure? And whom may I serve today in Your name?”

Discussion

- If you were dying and your granddaughter was sitting beside you on the bed, what would you tell her should be priority in life? Reflect on your answer. Now, discuss ways you can ensure you are exemplifying this in your life.
- Pastor Larry conveys the priorities of life by illustrating two trees: the tree of influence building (drive to please and be celebrated by others) and the tree of pleasing God (serving others). Jesus stayed in the tree of pleasing God. Explain how staying in that tree frees you from impressing and imitating others. Share how serving others has given you the greatest fulfillment.
- If you were to ask yourself, “*How can I make a difference?*”, what would your answer be? Share what you are currently doing to accomplish it.

Next Steps

One great way for us to make a difference is through relationships with others. Write down a list of 3-4 men who you can begin pouring into this week. Being intentional with their development gives your life purpose and allows you to leave a lasting legacy.

Closing Thoughts

Making your purpose a priority is one of the best ways to be a Model Man. God designed us with a specific way to serve others in mind. Often, as men, we are surrounded by others whose mission is to gain worldly influence, but God designed each of us for a heavenly purpose. Pray and ask God to continue to increase your vision as he continues to reveal his plan and purpose for you life.