

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Foundational Practice: Living on Purpose

This month, we are focusing on our foundational practice of Living on Purpose. We invest our lives eternally, according to God's design. Our skills, gifts, passions, experiences, and relationships all contribute to living out our God-given purpose (Ephesians 2:10). Take a few minutes to answer the following questions as a Life Group: Who comes to mind when you think about someone who lives on purpose for Christ? In what ways do you see them living on purpose? How does the way they live impact your life and/or those around them?

- 1. Read Joshua 1:1-9 out loud.** What catches your attention in this passage? What stood out to you in the teaching this week and why?
- 2.** Just as God told Moses that He would be with him (Exodus 3:11-12), so He also told Joshua that He would be with him (Joshua 1:5). How does knowing God is *with* you change how you view difficult or challenging circumstances, and how you face feelings of fear and insecurity?
- 3. Read Joshua 1:8 and James 1:22-25 out loud.** What connections do you see between these two passages? How have you experienced the blessing that comes from hearing *and* doing the Word? When has it been challenging to apply God's Word and not just hear it?

“Whoever gives thought to the word will discover good,
and blessed is he who trusts in the LORD.”

- PROVERBS 16:20

- 4.** Brad gave us five different ways to apply what we learned this week: **1)** Read the Bible (Rom. 12:2), **2)** Meditate on the Bible (Ps. 1:1-2), **3)** Memorize the Bible (Ps. 119:9-11), **4)** Study the Bible (2 Tim. 3:16-17), and **5)** Discuss the Bible (Deut. 6:6-7). Which one of these practices feels integrated in your life right now and what does that look like? Which practice feels like a growth area, and how can you practice it with God this week?

CLOSING CHALLENGE

Choose one of the practices from Question 4 to live out this week. As a Life Group, split into groups of 2-3 people and share what practice you want to live out this week. Pray for one another during the week and check in with each other next week. You already lived out #5!