

Living Your Purpose Discussion Guide
Lesson 4 - Game Plan
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This study guide is based on the message that is available on YouTube.

Opening Discussion: Share a game you enjoy playing with family or friends.

Dive Deeper:

1. Read Ephesians 2:10. How does it make you feel to know that you were put on earth to be a part of God's game plan? If we were created for the purpose of serving God, how does Matthew 25:34-45 suggest we do this?
2. How is serving others considered to be ministry? Discuss some practical ways we can "minister" to both believers and unbelievers. Who and what do we represent when we reach out to others with sincere concern and love?
3. Read Luke 10:30-37. What three attitudes did these travelers have in regards to serving others in need? According to Matthew 20:28 what should a believer's attitude be? Why does our human nature focus on self rather than others? How does the enemy use our selfishness to his advantage?
4. For what reasons do people avoid opportunities to serve others? What fears or concerns keep you from serving? Share a time you reached out and served an individual in need. How did this impact you or the recipient?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-11. Why have we been given different spiritual gifts? How do these verses liberate you from comparing yourself with other people's gifts? According to verse 11, who do we disappoint if we do not appreciate or utilize our spiritual gifts?
6. Other than our spiritual gifts, what else may determine how we personally serve and contribute to our church and the world? See Proverbs 4:23, 1 Peter 4:10 LB, and 2 Corinthians 1:4 for suggestions.

Challenge: Discuss how you are willing to carry out your purpose of serving by sharing your gifts, abilities, or personal experiences with your church.

"You were put on earth to make a contribution.
You weren't created just to consume resources-to eat, breath,
and take up space. God designed you to make a difference with your life."

Rick Warren