



Sermon Discussion Guide – June 9, 2019
SERIES – POSITIVE ID – A Better Understanding Of Self
TITLE - “What Is My Purpose?”
1 Peter 2:9-12

SUMMARY – As soon we are born we begin a process of identity discovery. What we do and experience can shape us but our identity is found in who we are not just what we do. Individuation can be a confusing process but when we seek the wisdom of the Creator to understand who we are, where we belong and what our purpose is, we find a solid foundation to discover our Positive ID. This week we discover our unique purpose.

DAILY STUDY & PRAYER

Read / Reflect / Respond

(*READ* the verse, take a moment to *REFLECT* on its meaning, *RESPOND* by writing down some thoughts and praying)

Monday - Exodus 20:3 *“You shall have no other gods before me.”*

Tuesday – Romans 8:17 *“...you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’*

Wednesday - 1 Corinthians 10:31 *“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”*

Thursday – Psalm 37:4 *“Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.”*

Friday – Mark 8:34 *“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”*

Saturday – John 4:34 *Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.”*

GROUP DISCUSSION

(*This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss or supplement with your own materials*)

Open with Prayer

1. What is something you remember from the sermon that stood out to you or never heard before?
2. Do you feel like your life has meaning? What gives your life purpose? What role does the title “Child of God” play in your meaning-making?
3. What does it look like to glorify God in all of life? At Work? At Home? At Church? At Play?
4. What does it mean to you to “delight yourself in the Lord”? Why does God give us the desires of our heart under this condition? Does this mean if I delight myself in God I will get a new car?

Close with prayer requests and prayer

NEXT STEPS (Optional for group discussion)

1. TEMPERATURE GAUGE – How am I doing when it comes to feeling like I have a purpose? How would I rate myself on a scale of 1-10?
2. RESPOND – How is the Lord calling me to respond? In confession and repentance? Prayer for help and guidance? Seeking out a confidant or listening ear? Take a moment to write down one action step.
3. PRACTICE – What is one way that you can incorporate or practice increasing your wisdom this week?



Sermon Discussion Guide Leader Notes

Preparing to Lead Your Group

- ✓ **PRAY** for insight as you begin to prepare for leading your group. Ask for God's wisdom, that the Holy Spirit will be the teacher and that you will be God's instrument to lead the group to greater understanding and a willingness to commit to becoming more like God. ***Prayer should be your primary source of personal preparation for leading your group!***
- ✓ **PLAN** where you want to take your group during the next series. Is your group strong in some areas and weak in others? How can you challenge the members to live more balanced Christian lives?
- ✓ **EVALUATE** after each session and at the end of a series. Reflect on what went well and what didn't. Re-evaluation is key to your growth as a leader. How are you doing with leading the discussion: is it stimulating, challenging, and meaningful? Are you able to keep the group on track? Do you need to make some changes?

Using This Sermon Discussion Guide

- Review the discussion guide and sermon notes for this week. You can also view the sermon from our website, www.faithunitedepc.org. As the discussion leader, you should preview and evaluate the questions based on the needs of your group.
- Feel free to adapt the format as needed. If your group is mature and wants to dig deeper, consider using the Next Steps section or add additional Scripture and resources. Remember this is only a guide and you don't have to complete all of it. It is a tool to promote good discussion. The goal is good discussion not necessarily getting through every question.
- The questions with Bible verses associated with them are there to encourage Bible literacy. So encourage different people to open their Bibles and read selected verses if they are willing and able.
- Your goal as the leader is to bring the group into a stimulating discussion that helps the members recognize their needs for personal life change. Ultimately you want them to be willing to commit to change with accountability to the group. Accountability helps us to persevere in our commitments and achieve the blessings of success.