

# PURPOSE and CALLING | week one

This week we kick off a new sermon series titled, **"Calling & Purpose"**. Throughout this series we will be discussing various key topics around God's purpose and calling for us.

By His Grace, God has called us to participate with Him in what He is doing in the earth. He did not create us without purpose. We are created in the image and likeness of God. And God is Love. As human beings, our life purpose is to be a visible expression of both the image and the likeness of God. So we were created from Love, for Love, in order to Love. Our "calling" is to be with Christ and to partner with Him in what He is doing in us and wants to do through us. This call and purpose requires us to let the Spirit of Christ in us lead us in every area of our life.

## **Genesis 1:27**

So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

## **1John 4:16-17,19**

God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. <sup>17</sup> And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. ....<sup>19</sup> We love each other because he loved us first.

## **2 Timothy 1:9**

<sup>9</sup> For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus.

## **Galatians 5: 25**

<sup>25</sup> Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. "In the image of God" humans were created. What does this tell us about our worth and the value of every human being? What would be different in your life if you believed this?

2. In what way has your life been visible expression of the image of God?
3. "As we live in God, our love grows more perfect"....what does this look like in your personal experience of God's Love?
4. "For God saved us and called us to live a holy life... because that was his plan from the beginning of time..." (**2 Timothy 1:9**). What does it mean to you that you are called by God? What do you think it means to live a "holy life"?
5. Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive. –Dr. Howard Thurman (1899-1981), theologian and civil rights leader. What makes you come alive or what are you passionate about?
6. What is required of you to follow the Spirit's leading in every area of your life? Is there an area or two you feel like you're not following the Spirit?