

PURPOSE and CALLING | week two

Last week we discussed how living a purpose-driven life was God's intentional plan for us. By His grace, we were designed to be saved and called upon. As such, how do we **respond to this calling**? How do we channel our energy and resources, in accordance to God's will?

In this session, we discuss how living in the spirit, will help us: i.) build a meaningful urgency; ii.) appreciation of our gifts; iii) awareness to listen; and a iv.) spiritual stronghold, that will help us navigate through the journey that lies ahead.

Ephesians 5:1-2, 15-20

¹ Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. ² Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ.

¹⁵ So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. ¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. ¹⁷ Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.

¹⁸ Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, ¹⁹ singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. ²⁰ And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. "Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days (**Ephesians 5:16**)."
Have you ever felt that drive and urgency, to make an impact and change in your community? Please describe that feeling.

2. How do I get laser-focused with my goals, how do I decide where and who to channel my finite resources for? How do we decide which cause to serve, how do I know if this is God's will?
3. Life is full of temptations and distractions. Worshiping the things of this world, are at the very core of our cultural civilization. "It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret (**Ephesians 5:12**)." Thus, how can we navigate such temptations? Have you fallen into such situations before?
4. Often times we face naysayers and deterrents along our journey of obedience. Did this mean it was not God's plan for me to pursue my purpose? How do I overcome my doubt and fears?
5. What happens if we achieve our God's purpose for us? Is this possible?
6. What is one thing you can do this week to "make the most" of the opportunities God has given to you in this season of life?