



**Course Name: SALT Discipleship Lesson 6 - Know Your Purpose**

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**Course description:**

This course will provide knowing our purpose and writing a statement that helps define it.

**Course Objectives: By the end of this class students will have:**

- A. Identified and understood their purpose as a disciple.
- B. Developed an individual purpose statement to live by.
- C. Shared and received feedback on the purpose statement to improve it.

**Outline of the class: Divide the class into groups of three or four. Ask each individual to spend about 10-15 minutes and write out the information related to the individual questions below. Once completed, ask each person to share their statement with their group and then with the broader class.**

- A. **Do you understand your role or purpose in the Kingdom? We are called to make the best use of the time we have and be effective which means we should be purposeful in making disciples.**

**Colossians 4:5** “Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.”

**Philemon 6** “And I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.”

- B. **To be effective, we should clearly understand our purpose in the Kingdom.**

**Philippians 2:13** “For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.” *Pleasure* is translated as “purpose” in the NIV translation. Think about your unique purpose – who looks up to you that you can tell about Jesus.

- C. **Individual questions to work on for the next 10-15 minutes.**

- 1. **Individual Question 1: List your responsibilities to your families or others.**

“I am focused on being a Christian \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. husband, wife, father, son, daughter...) for \_\_\_\_\_ (insert their names).”

**2. Individual Question 2: List your role(s) and who you serve.**

Think about your circle of influence and be purposeful about how you can show them Jesus. Are you a teacher or firefighter or mechanic or...that coworkers respect and the way you live has caught their attention? Do you have volunteer activities that have people in the community looking up to you?

"I serve as a \_\_\_\_\_ and want to be the servant God wants me to be."

**3. Individual Question 3: What experience do you have with others that you can use to further the Kingdom?**

Who looks up to you that you could use the influence for good and the cause of Christ?

"I have experience as a \_\_\_\_\_ I can use to tell others about Jesus."

**D. Put it all together and draft your purpose statement using this sample:**

By the grace of God, I am a follower of Jesus Christ. I am focused on being a Christian \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_. I serve as a \_\_\_\_\_ and want to be the servant God wants me to be. I have experience in / as \_\_\_\_\_ I can use to tell others about Jesus. I am fully available to my church family and (who?)\_\_\_\_\_ in the community to help them find their Savior.

**Discussion Groups: Please share your purpose statement with the others in your group to obtain feedback.**

**E. Application:**

*Periodically (daily) review your purpose statement until it becomes part of how you think about your daily activities and how / who you can influence to be a Christian.*

**Conclusion:**

- A. We can know and define our purpose in the Kingdom.
- B. We can live out our purpose to make disciples.