**EQUIP – 5**

May the people raise you, O God. Then the earth will yield its harvests.

1. What Is Our Purpose

A discipleship journey which continues with what God has called to do and being purposeful and intentional in our walk.

**MEETING EXPECTATIONS:**

1. Respect each other’s privacy

2. Honor the vision of this church

3. Humility and Order

**SHARING:**

Living with intention and purpose mean living with the awareness.

Life can take a different turn when we do not steer with a compass A need for purpose and direction is needed.

Matthew 6:33

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. NIV

A helpful prayer would be to ask, “Lord, what do you have for me to do TODAY for Your kingdom?”

Without a compass, the ship would be lost.

Much like our life, without an inner compass, we would also be carried away unknowingly.

2 Corinthians 5:15

And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. NIV

Now since our life is in the intentional hand of the Creator who made all of creation in all its’ beauty and purpose, then we find our purpose in the hand of God.

Warren Wiersbe wrote: When your service is the most difficult, God may be doing His deepest work in your life, so don’t run away.

God uses you to build His work, but He also uses the work to build you as He prepares you for the next assignment as well as for eternal service in glory.”

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. NIV

3 Questions To Ask:

1. Is it in line with God’s heart in me being a blessing to others?

; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.”NKJV

We can ask: “Does the way I handle money, power, fame and the other rewards of my job benefit only primarily me, or does it contribute to the good of my colleagues, my organization and my community? Will I stand up for what is ‘right’ in a world that rewards what is ‘wrong’?”

2. Am I making room for God to move even if it might not be the one I prefer?

3. Are my biblical values being compromised?

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Kingdom Series Bible Study by Joshua Yee

The Christian Faith by Joseph Stump

Roots and Wings by Edmund Chan

**DISCUSSION**:

A. Steering With No Direction (Ecclesiastes 1:8-18, 12:1, 13)

1. Despite his wisdom, why does the writer seem depressed?

2. What in his final analysis and conclusion then?

3. How can we live an intentional and purposeful life?

4. What is a key takeaway you learnt from this verse?

5. What are some new insights and revelations you learnt today?

B . Leading Nowhere (Ecclesiastes 1:2-7)

1. What does it mean by “vanity of vanities”?

2. What does “nothing new under the sun” mean?

3. How can we move away from the futility of life and endless pursuit?

4. What is a key takeaway you learnt from this verse?

5. What are some new insights and revelations you learnt today?

C. Purpose Driven Life (2 Tim 4:5-8)

1. What are the marks of a purpose driven life here?

3. How is Paul a good example?

3. How can one have a purpose driven life? Share examples from the Bible or your personal experience.

4. What is a key takeaway you learnt from this verse?

5. What are some new insights and revelations you learnt today?