

Here's a small group guide based on the sermon "Purpose, the Anchor of Life" from the Unshakeable series:

Small Group Guide: Purpose, the Anchor of Life

Opening Prayer

Key Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:7-11

Main Thought: Knowing your purpose will stabilize and direct your life in a shaking world.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to you that God created you with a divine purpose from eternity? How does this impact your view of yourself and your life?
2. The sermon mentions protecting your purpose, faith, and heritage. What challenges have you faced in protecting these aspects of your life?
3. Pastor Burgess states that "staying true to your purpose comes with a price." Can you share an experience where following God's purpose for your life was difficult but rewarding?
4. How do you understand the concept of bringing glory to God through your life? In what areas do you feel you're succeeding, and where do you struggle?
5. The sermon mentions "ambitions, dreams, passions, talents, and service." How do you see these elements aligning with God's purpose for your life?

Key Takeaways:

1. God has a divine purpose for each of us that was established before time began.
2. Our purpose is rooted in bringing glory to God.
3. Protecting our purpose, faith, and heritage is crucial in a shaking world.
4. Living out our purpose may come with challenges and opposition.
5. God's purpose guides our ambitions, dreams, passions, talents, and service.

Practical Applications:

1. Reflect on your life and identify areas where you feel you're fulfilling God's purpose.
2. Create a "purpose statement" that articulates how you believe God wants you to bring Him glory.
3. Identify one way you can be an "anchor" in your sphere of influence this week.
4. Start a gratitude journal, focusing on how God has equipped you for His purpose.
5. Share your faith journey with a younger believer, passing on your spiritual heritage.

Closing Prayer:

Thank God for His divine purpose in our lives. Ask for strength to remain anchored in His calling, especially during challenging times. Pray for wisdom to discern how to best glorify God in our daily lives.

Challenge for the Week:

Choose one practical way to commit to better serving as an anchor in your sphere of influence. Be prepared to share your experience with the group next week.