

Week 2: Discovering Your God-Given Design

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1. God Created You with a Purpose

- God created each of us intentionally and uniquely (Genesis 1:27).
- We are created in His image—reflecting His nature and character.
- Our purpose is tied to God's plan for our lives (Jeremiah 29:11).

2. Your Personality and Life Experiences Shape Your Calling

- Our personalities, gifts, and even failures are part of God's design (Psalm 139:14).
- "I will praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."
- God can use even our mistakes and failures to fulfill His purpose (Romans 8:28).

3. Biblical Examples of God-Designed Purpose

- Moses – Despite speech difficulties, he was called to lead Israel (Exodus 3:10-12).
- Gideon – Overcame fear and doubt to deliver Israel (Judges 6:12-16).
- Ruth – A foreigner who became part of Jesus' lineage through faith and loyalty (Ruth 1:16-17).
- David – Overlooked and inexperienced but called to be king (1 Samuel 16:11-13).
- Esther – Positioned strategically to save her people (Esther 4:13-14).
- Paul – Transformed from a persecutor of Christians to a key leader of the early church (Acts 9:15-16).

4. Your Purpose Is Unique to You

- God's design for you is intentional—your purpose is not a copy of someone else's.
- Just as each part of the body serves a different function, your gifts and calling are distinct (Romans 12:4-8).
- God equips you for your specific assignment—you don't have to match someone else's path.
- Comparison weakens confidence—focus on what God has given you to do.

5. Trust God to Reveal Your Purpose

- Proverbs 3:5-6 – Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and He will direct your path.
- Your purpose may not always be obvious—but God will make it known as you seek Him.
- Surrendering your plans to God allows Him to unfold His will step by step.

6. Walking in Purpose Requires Action

- Start where you are—small steps of faith matter.
- Be willing to step out even when it feels uncertain.
- Surround yourself with wise counsel to stay on track (Proverbs 15:22):
- Counsel and encouragement from spiritual mentors will strengthen your calling.

7. Your Purpose Builds the Church and Expands the Kingdom

- Your calling is not just about personal fulfillment—it strengthens the body of Christ.
- Whether your role is visible (like preaching) or behind the scenes (like organizing events), it matters.
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 – The body of Christ functions best when each member is active.

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Things to Think About (Discussion Questions):

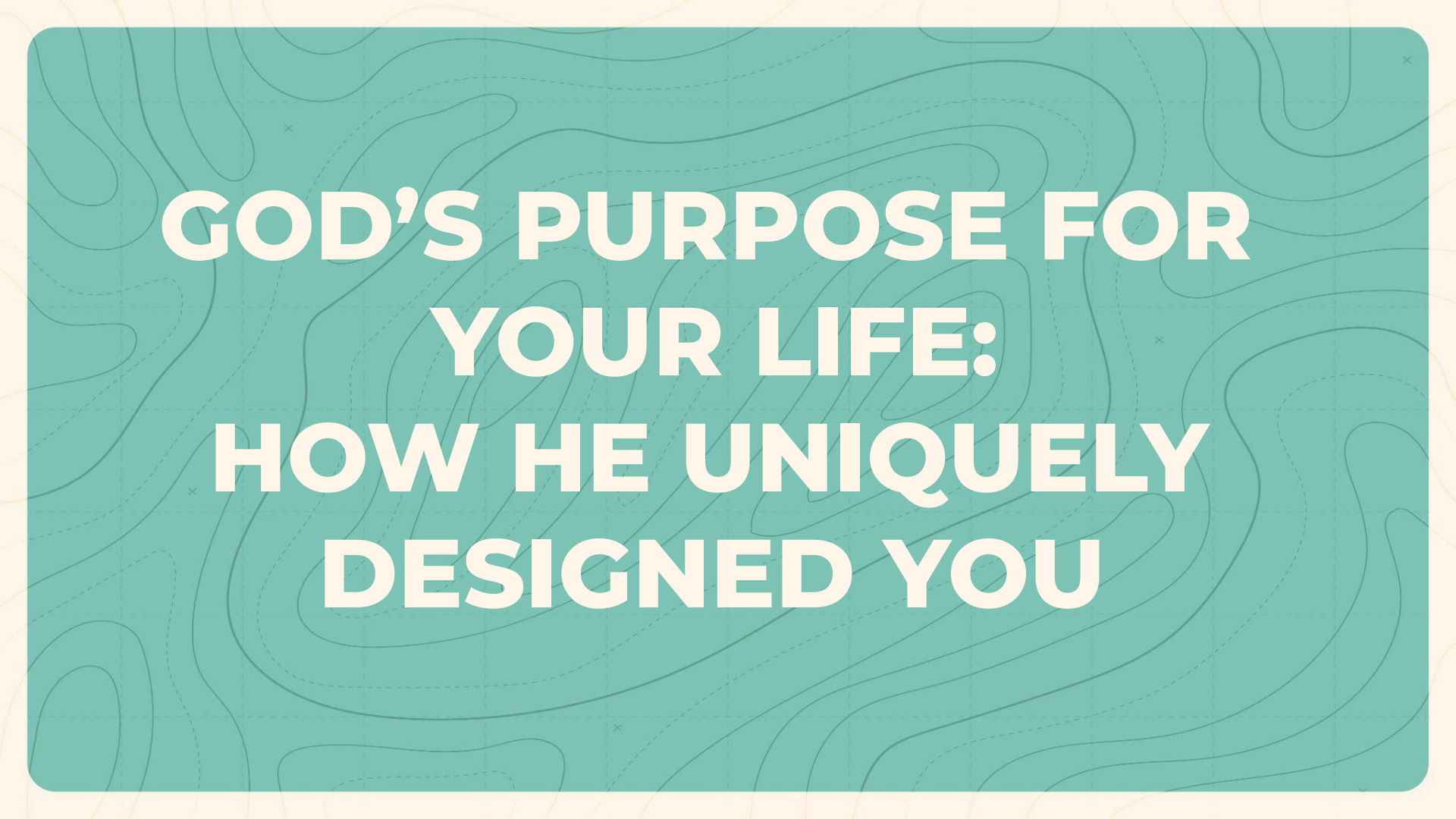
- Do you feel confident that you understand your purpose? If not, what’s holding you back?
- Have you seen how your personality and life experiences shape your calling?
- Do you find it easier to trust God with your future or try to control it yourself?
- What small steps of faith can you take this week to walk more confidently in your purpose?
- Are you surrounding yourself with wise counsel? How can others help you stay focused on your calling?
- What biblical example from today’s lesson resonates with you most? Why?
- How can you use your gifts to strengthen the church and expand the Kingdom?

PATHWAY TO
KINGDOM PURPOSE

***“Exploring Your
Spiritual Gifts”***

PATHWAYS
DISCIPLESHIP SERIES

Choose your path. Grow in your faith.

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**GOD'S PURPOSE FOR
YOUR LIFE:
HOW HE UNIQUELY
DESIGNED YOU**

PURPOSE:

THE REASON FOR WHICH SOMETHING IS
DONE, OR CREATED, OR FOR WHICH
SOMETHING EXISTS.

SO GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN
IMAGE, IN THE IMAGE OF GOD HE
CREATED HIM; MALE AND FEMALE
CREATED HE THEM.

GENESIS 1:27

I WILL PRAISE YOU FOR I AM FEARFULLY
AND WONDERFULLY MADE;
MARVELOUS ARE YOUR WORKS, AND
THAT MY SOUL KNOWS VERY WELL.

PSALMS 139:14

HOW GOD UNIQUELY DESIGNED US

- **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.”
- **PSALM 139:13-16** “FOR YOU CREATED MY INMOST BEING; YOU KNIT ME TOGETHER IN MY MOTHER’S WOMB...”
- **EPHESIANS 2:10** “FOR WE ARE GOD’S HANDIWORK, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS TO DO GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD PREPARED IN ADVANCE FOR US TO DO.”

BIBLICAL INDIVIDUALS WHO FULFILLED THEIR PURPOSE:

MOSES- A HEBREW RAISED IN PHARAOH'S PALACE.

- **GIDEON- A YOUNG FRIGHTENED MAN FROM A WEAK FAMILY.**
- **RUTH- A WIDOWED FOREIGNER IN A FOREIGN LAND.**
- **SAMSON- A JUDGE WITH MENTAL WEAKNESS & A LACK OF DISCIPLINE.**
- **SAMUEL- A YOUNG BOY RAISED IN THE TEMPLE.**
- **DAVID- A YOUNG SHEPHERD BOY, OVERLOOKED BY HIS FAMILY.**
- **ESTHER- A JEWISH ORPHAN RAISED IN EXILE.**
- **JEREMIAH- A YOUNG PROPHET WHO FELT TOO INEXPERIENCED.**
- **MARY- A YOUNG UNMARRIED WOMAN.**
- **PAUL- A PERSECUTOR OF CHRISTIANS WITH A VIOLENT PAST.**
- **PETER- AN IMPULSIVE FISHERMAN WITH A TENDENCY TO DOUBT.**

FOR JUST AS EACH OF US HAS ONE BODY
WITH MANY MEMBERS, AND THESE
MEMBERS DO NOT ALL HAVE THE SAME
FUNCTION, SO IN CHRIST WE, THOUGH
MANY, FORM ONE BODY, AND EACH
MEMBER BELONGS TO ALL THE OTHERS....

ROMANS 12:4-6

WE HAVE DIFFERENT GIFTS ACCORDING
TO THE GRACE GIVEN TO EACH OF US. IF
YOUR GIFT IS PROPHECYING, THEN
PROPHECY IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR
FAITH; IF IT IS SERVING, THEN SERVE....

ROMANS 12:4-6

IF IT IS TEACHING, THEN TEACH; IF IT IS TO
ENCOURAGE, THEN GIVE
ENCOURAGEMENT; IF IT IS GIVING, THEN
GIVE GENEROUSLY; IF IT IS TO LEAD, DO IT
DILIGENTLY; IF IT IS TO SHOW MERCY, DO IT
CHEERFULLY.

ROMANS 12:4-6

THERE ARE DIFFERENT KINDS OF
SPIRITUAL GIFTS, BUT THE SAME SPIRIT
IS THE SOURCE OF THEM ALL. THERE
ARE DIFFERENT KINDS OF SERVICE, BUT
WE SERVE THE SAME LORD...

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-7

GOD WORKS IN DIFFERENT WAYS, BUT
IT IS THE SAME GOD WHO DOES THE
WORK IN ALL OF US. A SPIRITUAL GIFT IS
GIVEN TO EACH OF US SO WE CAN HELP
EACH OTHER.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-7

WALKING IN YOUR GOD-GIVEN PURPOSE

- SEEK GOD DAILY THROUGH PRAYER

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL THINE
HEART, AND LEAN NOT UNTO THINE
OWN UNDERSTANDING. IN ALL THY
WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE
SHALL DIRECT THY PATHS.

PROVERBS 3:5-6

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- SURROUND YOURSELF WITH WISE COUNSEL

3 THINGS I'M GOOD AT AND HOW THEY FIT INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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