

Cell Group Discipleship Passage from Sunday

Subject: The Purpose Driven Life

Scripture: Phil. 1:19-30 - 19 for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. 20 I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. 21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. 22 If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! 23 I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; 24 but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. 25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me. 27 Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel 28 without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved — and that by God. 29 For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him, 30 since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have. (NIV)

Scripture Content: In this text, Paul continues to tell the church at Philippi about his incarceration and ask them to pray for him and his release.

Objective: Goal: The goal of teaching this lesson is to help every person find their unique purpose in life. They can do this by looking at their SHAPE. **Challenge:** The challenge is for each person to find their purpose and then start fulfilling their purpose. They can do this by activating their gifts. **Benefit:** When a person finds their purpose, they will be focused, fulfilled, energized and productive.

Message from the Passage to Rising Star

1. **What was Paul's Dilemma (Phil. 1:19-23)?**
2. **What was Paul's Decision (Phil. 1:24-26)?**
3. **What was Paul's Duty (Phil. 1:27-30)?**

We are growing...warmer through fellowship, deeper through discipleship, stronger through worship, broader through ministry, larger through evangelism, healthier and wealthier through stewardship. (Acts 2:41-47)