

**Week 1: Introduction, Day 1-3**

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**Introduction**

**I. The Purpose Driven Life**

a. This Teaching

- i. Based on a bestselling book written by Rick Warren, lead pastor of Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, CA.
- ii. The book is written as a 40 day series of daily devotionals.
- iii. The number 40 was selected because of it's biblical significance
  1. Noah's life was transformed by 40 days of rain.
  2. Moses was transformed by 40 days on Mount Sinai and 40 years in the desert.
  3. The spies were transformed by 40 days in the Promised Land
  4. David was transformed by Goliath's 40 day challenge.
  5. Elijah was transformed when God gave him 40 days of strength from a single meal.
  6. The entire city of Nineveh was transformed when God gave the people 40 days to change.
  7. Jesus was empowered by 40 days in the wilderness.
  8. The disciples were transformed by 40 days with Jesus after his resurrection.

b. The Goals for this teaching

- i. Promote personal devotion and understanding of our individual purposes for life.
- ii. Strengthen the desire of individuals to serve the fellowship of believers through each partner discovering his/her divine calling.
- iii. Create opportunities for small group leaders to share this information in a small group setting with their unchurched friends.

## II. It All Starts with God

- a. General Insights
  - i. “You were born by his purpose and for his purpose”
  - ii. “Many people try to use God for their own self-actualization, but that is a reversal of nature and is doomed to failure. You were made for God, not vice versa, and life is about letting God use you for his purposes, not your using him for your own purpose.”
- b. Ephesians 1:11

## III. Insights into Your Purpose

- a. ***Ephesians 1:11***
  - i. You discover your identity and purpose through a relationship with Jesus Christ.
  - ii. God was thinking of you long before you ever thought about him.
  - iii. The purpose of your life fits into a much larger, cosmic purpose...

## IV. What Drives Your Life?

- a. Many people are driven by guilt.
- b. Many people are driven by resentment and anger.
- c. Many people are driven by fear.
- d. Many people are driven by materialism.
- e. Many people are driven by the need for approval.

***“Without a purpose, life is motion without meaning, activity without direction, and events without reason. Without a purpose, life is trivial, petty, and pointless.”***

## V. The Benefits of Purpose Driven Living

- a. Knowing your purpose gives meaning to your life.
- b. Knowing your purpose simplifies your life.
  - i. People who don’t know their purpose try to do too much – and that causes stress, fatigue, and conflict.
- c. Knowing your purpose focuses your life.
- d. Knowing your purpose motivates your life.
- e. Knowing your purpose prepares you for eternity.

***“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.”***