



## **I. THE IMPORTANCE OF PURPOSE**

### **1. My ultimate purpose is found in Jesus**

It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.

Ephesians 1:11-12 (The Message)

### **2. Jesus clearly understood His purpose**

For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

Luke 19:10 (NLT)

### **3. Jesus created the church to fulfill this purpose**

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18 (ESV)

## **II. THE VALUE OF THE CHURCH**

*It is Jesus'...*

### **1. Project**

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Matthew 16:18 (ESV)

### **2. Possession**

Be careful for yourselves and for all the people the Holy Spirit has given to you to care for. You must be like shepherds to the church of God, which he bought with the death of his own son.

Acts 20:28 (NCV)

### **3. Presence**

God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.

Ephesians 1:22-23 (NLT)

### **4. Plan**

Then God would use the church to show the powers and authorities in the spiritual world that he has many different kinds of wisdom. God did this according to his eternal plan. And he was able to do what he had planned because of all that Christ Jesus our Lord had done.

Ephesians 3:10-11 (CEV)

## **III. THE FIVE PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH—ACTS 2:42-47**

### **1. Disciple: Teach the Truth of God's Word (v.42)**

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

### **2. Worship: Have Spirit-filled assemblies (v.42)**

### **3. Service: Help others in need (v.44-45)**

### **4. Fellowship: Enjoy vibrant relationships (v.46)**

### **5. Evangelism: Reaching those who don't know Jesus (v.47)**