

POINTS TO KEEP IN MIND

1. We all wonder about our purpose in life, and we are all answering it consciously and subconsciously with our words and actions. We may not always be aware of the way we are answering the big questions of life. So reflecting on our purpose is a powerful way of gaining self-awareness and making course corrections to living.
2. The three-part framework for determining purpose can be a really helpful way for people to think through their positive thoughts about God and their role in God's Kingdom. The concept of identity is so vital to this discussion. We often gain our Identity through a relationship, our work, or our talent. When our self-understanding is grounded in something other than God and the fact of his love for us, we set ourselves up for pain when our identities are found finite realities.
3. For those trying to determine their assignment, it might be helpful for them to look at the places where they live, work, and play. Some helpful questions are: What longing is God stirring in you? What brings you to tears? Where do your tenderness and passion meet the world's needs?
4. It might also be worth saying that if you don't have an assignment identified, that doesn't mean you are doing something wrong. That's one dimension of purpose, and sometimes it's not clear. Sometimes assignments emerge out of faithfully living out our calling to love God and love others. We don't have to put pressure on ourselves to figure this out.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AND QUOTES

1. Where do you see God at work in your life right now?
2. What next steps do you feel called to take in your faith journey?
3. Have you considered getting baptized? Check out communitychristian.org/baptism
4. Who have you been able to BLESS?

"Jesus opens the hearts of believers, like flowers to the sun, into an affectional life. We were made to love...His Double-Love Command gives humans a direction to face and a way to be." -Frederick Dale Bruner

"Your purpose ... has nothing to do with grandiose goals, lofty achievements, or universal fame. It is the quiet confidence that, even if you never leave your neighborhood, you will have lived fully." -Sybil Stanton