



“Rather, you must grow in the grace and
knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
All glory to him, both now and forever! Amen.”
2 Peter 3:18 NLT

TRACK THREE - MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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1. God has given all of us a _____.

“God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.” 1 Peter 4:10-11

2. Design reveals _____.

“You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. Thank You for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.” Psalms 139:13–14 NLT

- _____ my gifts.
- _____ my gifts.
- _____ my gifts.

Did you know that every human being is created with a purpose and that they have a responsibility to not only discover their purpose but also to fulfill it?

When we find our purpose, we live responsively to God’s call and God’s purposes. By taking delight in the Lord, His desires will become mine (Psalm 37:4) and in them I shall find fulfillment and joy. As my life unfolds, my gifts and values will enable me to live an abundant life (John 10:10) that is whole and centered in Christ.

The purpose of your life is far greater than your own personal fulfillment, your peace of mind, or even your happiness. It’s far greater than your family, your career, or even your wildest dreams and ambitions. If you want to know why you were placed on this earth, you must begin with God. You were born by his purpose and for his purpose.

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6 Ways to find your Purpose:

1. Prayer
2. God's Word
3. Find your Gifts & Strengths (Get involved)
4. Determine your passions
5. Bring others into your life
6. Trust God with your life

3. Goals and Objectives Of this Class

Discover the value of God's purpose for your life. Learn the personal and eternal benefits of service. Everybody needs 2 ministries:

- _____ - **Where you are called and gifted.**
- _____ - **Where you are needed.**

4. The Purpose of Ministry

- _____
- _____
- _____

Benefits of discovering my purpose and ministry:

- Fulfillment & Fruitfulness

The Priority of Ministry

5. God _____ me for ministry!

*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. **Ephesians 2:10***

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6. I've been _____ for ministry!

Who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity.

2 Timothy 1:9

7. I've been _____ into ministry!

*But when He who had set me apart, even from my mother's womb, and called me through his grace. **Galatians 1:15***

*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light; for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." **1 Peter 2:9-10***

8. I've been _____ for ministry!

*As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. **1 Peter 4:10***

9. I've been _____ for ministry!

*(Jesus said) All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples. **Matthew 28:18-19***

10. I'm to be _____ for ministry!

*God gave... ministers and equippers to prepare God's people for works of ministry, so that the body of Christ may be built up. **Ephesians 4:11-12***

11. The body of Christ _____ my ministry!

*All of you are the body of Christ and each of you is a separate and necessary part of it. **1 Corinthians 12:27***

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*And seeing the multitudes, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd, then he said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore, beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest." **Matthew 9:36-38***

12. I am _____ for my ministry!

*So, then each of you shall give an account of himself to god. **Romans 14:12***

*The Parable of the Talents: **Matthew 25:14-30***

13. I will be _____ for my ministry!

*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. **1 Corinthians 15:58***

The purpose of our lives is to add value to the people of this generation and those that follow.

Experiences help to determine my purpose and ministry

*And we know that in ALL things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. **Romans 8:28***

One of the most overlooked factors in determining the ministry God has for me is my past experiences, particularly my hurts and problems I've overcome with God's help. Since our greatest life messages come out of our weaknesses, not our strengths, we should pay close attention to what we've learned in the "school of hard knocks".

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God never wastes a hurt! He wants you to be open to ministering to people who are going through what you've already been through!

(God)... Wonderfully comforts and strengthens us in our hardships and trials. And why does he do this? So, when others are troubled, needing our sympathy and encouragement, we can pass on to them the same help and comfort God has given us!" 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

4 Types of Experiences

- **Your _____ Experiences**
Meaningful decisions/times with God
- **Your _____ Experiences**
Problems, hurts, trials-that have taught you.
- **Your _____ Experiences**
What were your favorite subjects in school?
- **Your _____ Experiences**
How have you served in the past?

Leadership is influence. Nothing more. Nothing less. It is about influencing others in a worthwhile cause. it is not dependent on titles or positions. it is dependent on people discovering their gifts and passions and then using them to make a difference in the lives of others.

18. What stands in the way?

"But Moses said to God, 'Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' And God said, 'I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.'" Exodus 3:11-12

- "Who am I?" _____
- "What if they?" _____

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19. Satan always uses problems and possessions to keep us from our calling!

“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

1 Peter 2:9 NKJV

“Jesus called them together and said, ‘You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.’” **Mark 10:42–45**

- Be a _____.
- Be a _____.
- Be _____.

20. We pursue _____.

“People were overwhelmed with amazement. ‘He has done everything well,’ they said.”

Mark 7:37

- Do _____.
- Do them _____.
- Do _____.

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21. We choose _____.

*“...sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything. **2 Corinthians 6:10***

- **Be _____**
- **Be _____**

LEADERSHIP DECLARATION

Because God has called me to serve my generation, I will value worship over wealth, “we” over “me,” character over comfort, service over status, and God’s purposes over possessions, positions, popularity, and pleasure. To my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I say: However, whenever, wherever, and whatever you ask me to do, my answer in advance is yes! Wherever you lead and whatever the cost, I’m ready anytime, anywhere. I want to be used by You in such a way that on that final day, I’ll hear You say, “Well done, good and faithful servant. Come on in, and let the eternal party begin!”

Next Steps:

- 1. Attend Track Four of the Growth Track.*
- 2. Sign up for a Ministry Team!*
- 3. Connect with a Ministry Leader.*
- 4. Serve Others.*

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Ministry Serving Opportunities

Parking Team

- Welcomes and directs guests to a parking place, and keeps traffic flowing smoothly.
- Time Commitment: 45 minutes before service, every week or every other week.
- Age Requirement: 13 years old

Greeting Team

- Welcomes guests entering the worship area, hands out weekly bulletins and answering any questions/directions.
- Time Commitment: 45 minutes before service.
- Age Requirement: 16 years old

Ask Me

- Serves members and guest by providing information and connecting people the ministries at community Church.
- Time Commitment: 45 minutes before service, every week or every other week.

Hospitality Team

- Serves guests by preparing and providing coffee, beverages and snacks.
- Time Commitment: 45 minutes before service and 45 minutes after service.
- Age Requirement: 16 years old

Usher Team

- Guides people to the nearest available seat in a quick and orderly fashion and takes up the offering.
- Time Commitment: 45 minutes before and 30 minutes after a service, every week or every other week.
- Age Requirement: 16 years old

Kid Venture - Nursery (6 weeks-2 years) Elementary (3 years to 6th grade)

- Provides ministry and care to children 6 weeks to 3 years of age or elementary school children in relevant, age-appropriate activities and lessons.
- Time Commitment: 2 hours on Sunday / 30 minutes before and until check-out.
- Age Requirement: 18 years old *Must submit to background check

Amplify Youth (7th grade to 12th grade)

- This opportunity is for those who have a heart to serve Middle and High School students.
- Time Commitment: 2 hours on Sunday evenings.

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- Age requirement: 18 years old *Must submit to background check

Prayer Team

- Prays for the prayer requests received on Sundays as well as praying for a row before church.
- Time Commitment: approx. 15-20 min on Sundays
- Age Requirement: 18 years old

Facilities Team

- Help maintain the day-to-day operations of the facilities areas; may include general electrical, plumbing, HVAC, lighting repair, building repair, changing light bulbs, furniture assembly and more.
- Time Commitment: As available Monday-Friday 9am-5pm
- Age Requirement: 18 years old

Production Team

- The Production Team takes the worship experience to another level. This team includes all things technical involved with the media presentation of every Sunday and some events throughout the week. Some of the many responsibilities of this team include running computers, cameras, slides, recording the service, and even some lighting effects.
- Time Commitment: 2 hours on Sunday / 1hour practice on Wednesday
- Age Requirement: 16 years old

Praise Team

- This team ushers in the presence of the Holy Spirit each Sunday and prepares the people for the Word of God.
- Time Commitment: 2hour practice (Wednesdays) 1hour rehearsal prior to Sunday service
- Age Requirement: 16 years old
- **AUDITION REQUIRED

Security Team

- This team's focus is on keeping everyone at Covenant Church safe! Training provided by leader.
- Time Commitment: 2 hours on Sundays
- Age requirement: 18 years old

Special Event Childcare

- Provides childcare for special events (Bible Studies, discipleship, etc.)
- Time Commitment: varies based on event. Paid hourly.
- Age requirement: Lead-18 years / assistant-16 years

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ANSWER KEY

1. Gifts
2. Destiny / Discover, Develop, Use
3. Primary, Secondary
4. Serve God, Meet the needs of others, Build the local church
5. Created
6. Saved
7. Called
8. Gifted
9. Authorized
10. Prepared
11. Needs
12. Accountable
13. Rewarded
14. Spiritual
15. Painful
16. Educational
17. Ministry
18. Insecurity, Fear
19. Servant, Team Player, Real
20. Excellence / All Things Well, Before You're Asked, More Than Expected
21. Joy / Enjoyable, Positive

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