



***Sermon-based small groups connect the week to the weekend!***

*Dig deeper into the talk each week, while getting connected, cared for and known. Challenge yourself to see how the message actually makes sense and applies to your everyday life and do it with people just like you to support you on your journey.*

**Message Info:** Finding Your Purpose, 3/19/23 - It's the age-old question: Why am I here? The longer it goes unanswered, the more restless we become. Our souls get agitated, we look for a scapegoat, and finally settle in defeat. But take heart, because there is an answer. Discovering it is a journey. Knowing your "why" leads to fulfillment that is essential to your world. (Passages: Psalm 139:13-16, Jeremiah 29:11, Ephesians 1:4, Romans 8:28, Hebrews 11, Hebrews 6:1, Acts 1:8, Matthew 5:13-16, 6:37 & 22:37-39)

**Discussion Questions:** Take your time and dig into these questions.

What determines your purpose? How much money you make? Your Job? Family? Relationships? Status? How are we affected when those areas seem to be lacking?

Read Psalm 139:13-16. What stands out to you in this passage? Why?

Before you existed, God had already written your purpose. He was in love with you, even then, and He wants you to experience meaning, hope, and joy. Jeremiah 29:11 reaffirms God's heart; it is for you. He is constantly repurposing even the most difficult things for your good and His glory.

Read Hebrews 11. What stands out to you? Why is faith key to knowing your purpose?

We need faith to embrace our purpose. It gets us through the moments of feeling meaningless, or vulnerable. God has a general and a unique purpose for each of us. The following is a breakdown of your "why" in general terms.

1. Worship- God should be at the center of our lives. (Matthew 6:37)
2. Fellowship- Experience and give love. (Matthew 22:37-39)
3. Discipleship- Be a student or follower; don't stop growing. (Hebrews 6:1)
4. Serve/minister- Give back. It's not about money, but how we exist. (Matthew 5:13-16)
5. Spread hope- testifying what we've experienced. (Acts 1:8)

Your unique purpose is why you are here. It encompasses all of who you are. And if your following Jesus, you will discover it. Which element provides the biggest challenge for you?

**Group Challenge:** Invite a friend to an Easter service at Grace.