

Sermon Study Questions "The Power of Purpose" Matthew 28:19-20 Pastor Scott Farmer September 6/7, 2014

Opening thoughts

You are not an accident. You are not the result of chance. God created you on purpose - His good purpose - To enjoy God and glorify Him forever.

And so God gave us a mission and a church. For most of us, our particular home in God's global church is CPC. Our particular part in God's global mission is to help "people meet Christ and live as his disciples."

That simple statement anchors our church and guides everything we do together. Like our lives individually, it is gospel-centered, given to us by Jesus. It shapes our actions and aligns our efforts.

<u>Warm it up:</u>

1] Do you have a sense of purpose for your life? Do you have a personal mission statement which anchors and shapes all your life's effort? If not, do you know someone who does and how it shapes their life?

<u>Talk it over:</u>

CPC summarizes our purpose in this phrase:

"People meeting Christ and living as His disciples"

- 2] What does this purpose statement mean to you?
- 3] How do the following scriptural statements flesh out the power of that purpose?

Luke 19:10 John 1:12-14 Matthew 28:18-20 Romans 8:28 Colossians 3:17

Work it out:

- 4] Are you living as Jesus' disciple more today than five years ago?
- 5] Who are you intentionally helping meet Christ?

<u>Wrap it up:</u>

We are in this together. You are not alone. Next week we will look at three behaviors that will transform your life in the Principles of the Path!

<u>Pray it through:</u>

Success in this life is not about you! God initiates, sustains, empowers meeting Christ and living as His disciples. Come together in prayer. Three kinds of prayer today: Thank you for ... I confess ... Please ...