

PRAYER

- Pray that you will get to know God and His purposes for your life more and more.

- Ask God for grace to live in line with God's purposes, trusting that He will take care of your needs.

- Intercede for blessing for one another in your group as you walk in the purposes of God.



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OVERFLOW

The Importance of Purpose

Week 2

NOTES

CONNECT

- If money is not an issue, what are two things you would be doing?
- What factors do you usually consider before making a decision?
- What is one thing you love doing that you will still do even if you don't get paid for it?

WORD

WHAT

What does the Bible say?

¹The LORD had said to Abram, “Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you. ²“I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

Genesis 12:1-3

God’s promise of provision to Abraham came after His call. This tells us that provision follows purpose. So many times, we make decisions based on how much money we have. However, in God’s economy, when we know and follow His will, it’s going to be His bill.

- **Know God’s purpose for your life.**

“I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.”

Genesis 12:2

Knowing God’s plan for our lives should be our priority. God has a purpose for each one of us (Jeremiah 29:11, Ephesians 2:10) and it is His will for us to know it (Romans 8:28). God revealed His purpose for Abraham first before giving him the provision for his calling. Therefore, the best question we can ask ourselves is not *“where will I make more money”* but *“what is God’s will for me?”*

- **Realize that your purpose is to be a blessing.**

“I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

Genesis 12:3

It is God’s idea to bless us. And when we know and follow God and His will for our lives, blessings are sure to come (Matthew 6:33). God blessed Abraham not only for his sake but so that others may be blessed through

his life. When we get blessed as we follow God’s call, remember that it is to benefit others as well. What blessings in your life have also helped others? How?

- **Follow God’s purpose for your life.**

And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Genesis 12:4

He obeyed God even without seeing the whole picture. Obeying the purpose of God is even more important than knowing our purpose, and it springs from having a complete trust in God (Proverbs 3:5,6).

SO WHAT

What is the relevance of the Word to my life?

- What do you think is God’s purpose for your life? Are you living it out?
- How does knowing that God’s provision follows His purposes affect you right now? How does the truth that God intends to bless you and make you a blessing encourage you?
- What usually prompts you when making decisions (money, family or peer pressure, etc.)? How can you better make decisions based on God’s will for you?

NOW WHAT

How do I apply the Word to my life?

- Ask God to reveal His purpose for your life. What practical steps can you take so you will know God’s will better?
- Before knowing God’s purpose for you, you need to be in relationship with Him first. What does the Bible say about how a person can have a relationship with God? Ask help from your group leader with this.
- What decisions do you need to make this week to help you better follow God’s purpose for your life?