

# Purpose Driven Life - Recap

Home study notes 27/04/25

Many of us have enjoyed (and persevered) through the lent course, but it is important that we remember what we have learnt and implement it deeply into our lives if we are going to learn these lessons properly.

The Lord says in Deut 11:2 ***“Remember today what you have learned about the LORD through your experiences with him.”*** GNB.

Rick Warren asks 3 questions at the start of the course: Why am I alive? Does my life matter? What is my purpose?

Read the poem below.

- *What phrase or sentence is most meaningful to you?*

## You Are Who You Are For A Reason

You are who you are for a reason.  
You're part of an intricate plan.  
You're a precious and perfect unique design,  
Called "God's special woman or man"

You look like you look for a reason.  
Our God made no mistake.  
He knit you together within the womb,  
You're just what He wanted to make!

The parents you had were the ones He chose,  
And no matter how you may feel,  
They were custom-designed with God's plan in mind,  
And they bear the Master's seal.

No, that trauma you faced was not easy;  
And God wept that it hurt you so.  
But it was allowed to shape your heart  
So that into His likeness you'd grow.

You are who you are for a reason.  
You've been formed by the Master's rod.  
You are who you are, Beloved,  
Because there is a GOD.

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*-Do you think that you found adequate answers to these three questions during the study?*

*-What new scripture did you learn over Lent?*

*-What is one of the most important things that you have learnt or been reminded of?*

The most important lesson is that it is NOT about me .... It is ALL about God. As the earth, and most of the known universe, revolves around the sun, so our lives should revolve around the Son of God.

Hebrews 2:10 ***“God is the One who made all things, and all things are for his glory. He wanted to have many children share his glory, so he made the One who leads people to salvation perfect through suffering.”*** NCV

When we realise that we are made for God, made by God and made for His purpose, then our lives start to make sense.

- *What are the 5 Biblical purposes that Rick teaches us for our lives? Without looking below!!*

## 5 Biblical Purposes:

### 1. You were Planned for God's pleasure - Worship

***Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.***

We worship God because of His mercy - it is a response of gratitude to God for all that He has done for us. We worship God in many ways, not just singing.

- *What areas are you challenged to worship God in?*
- *what area of your life do you need to surrender to Him in worship?*

### 2. You were formed for God's family - Fellowship

- *What is most challenging to you being a part of the family at AFC?*

### 3. You were created to become like Christ - Discipleship

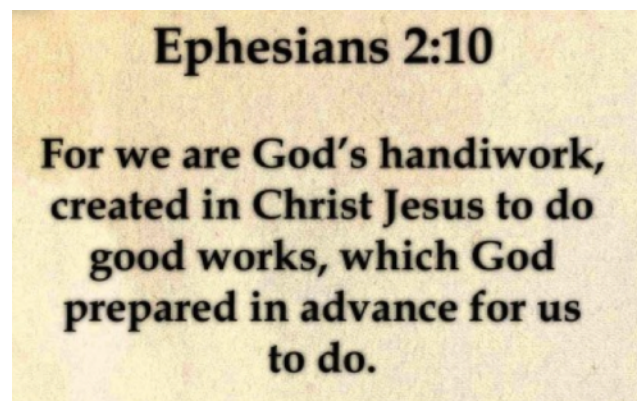
We discussed troubles, temptations and trespasses ... and how God uses these things for good in our lives.

- *can you share something that you have learnt through one of these in your life recently?*

### 4. You were shaped for serving God - Ministry

No service for God is ever too small - we need to honour God in the small and big things/areas of our lives. Any service for God's glory is ministry whether it is recognised or not by others - making tea, writing a card, stopping to have a chat, leading a small group, praying for each other or a friend .. the list is endless.

- *Is God challenging you to try something new for Him?*



### 5. You were made for a mission - Evangelism

Jesus repeatedly told his disciples to tell others of the good news and this is also our mission today.

- *Who can you share with today? - just a simple story of what God means to you or what He has done for you recently.*
- *Which of these 5 purposes do you think that you need to understand or spend more time working through in a small group or on your own?*

## Pray:

- for our church family that we may all grow in understanding of God's purpose for our lives together
- for each other that we may individually grow closer to each other as we understand these truths
- for Paul and the elders that they may lead faithfully and hear God's leading at all times as we seek God's Purpose for our church and community.