



BIG4

THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS
YOU CAN DO WITH YOUR LIFE

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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

Review from last weeks sermon:

Find Freedom

1. **An Encounter** = Position yourself to encounter God
2. **Make a choice** = stand in the freedom you have received
3. **A Journey** = take the on-ramps to further freedom

[Genesis 1:1]

"In the beginning God created..."

[Genesis 1:27]

"So God created human beings in his own image."

*"There are many things in life we can choose, **but only God can determine your purpose**"*

-Rick Warren

"The two most important days in your life are the day you were born, and the day you find out why."

-Mark Twain

[Philippians 3:12-13]

*Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on **to take hold of that** for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,*

[Ephesians 1:18-19 (The Message)]

*"I ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, **so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do** and grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers"*

"You will never fully discover your gifting and what is in you until you position your life through faithfulness and availability"

[Romans 12:2]

*Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. **Then you will learn to know God's will for you**, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*

[Philippians 2:19-20 (VOICE)]

*I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy your way. He will visit soon so that he may report to me how you are doing. There is no one like Timothy. **What sets him apart from others is his deep concern (passion) for you and your spiritual journey.** This is rare, my friends,*

Discover Your Purpose

1. **Discover your gifts and abilities** = GROW Track / serve somebody

2. **Follow your Holy Passion** = the altar / exposure
3. **Move forward with confirmation** = community

[Ephesians 2:10]

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things which God prepared for us long ago.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you could identify the 4 most important things in your life what would they be?
2. Why do you exist? Can you articulate your purpose?
3. What have you intentionally done, to try and discover your design and purpose?
4. Do you know your spiritual gifts? If so what are your top two? Have you attended the grow track?
5. What are the benefits of being available and serving other people?
6. There is a passion to do something for God within each of us. Do you know what your passionate about? If your having trouble identifying something, ask yourself "what motivates you or what infuriates you?"
7. Are you living a life of passion, doing the thing God designed you to do? If not what is your next step toward it?