



Dying For Purpose Micah McElveen | 02.11.2024

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

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. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

1. Death Precedes Purpose

[Proverbs 14:1,2 NLT]

There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.

[John 12:24, NIV]

Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

"A life dedicated to self ends with self."

[Matthew 16:25, NLT]

If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.

1. Purpose Produces Life

The abundant life resides in purpose rich living. Life & Purpose are eternally paired.

[Ephesians 2:10, NLT]

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

[John 12:24, NLT]

I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives.

"Exchanging your dream for His purpose isn't sacrifice, its smart."

[Acts 20:2,4 NLT]

But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.

Key Points:

1. Death Precedes Purpose
2. Purpose Produces Life

Application for the Week:

God desires for us to live a life that outlives this life. This week take time to ask God to show you any areas where you haven't surrendered to Him. Repent, surrender, and act on what He is asking of you. **Consider joining an Impact Trip to serve local churches in global locations. Click [HERE](#) for more information.**

Discussion Questions

1. What does it look like to live a meaningful life?
2. How have you seen God's purpose lived out through your life when you died to your own plans?
3. Why do you think people sometimes exchange "who they are" for "what they do?"
4. Why does death precede purpose? (See John 12:24)
5. Do you believe His purpose is better than your plan? What walls have tried to stop you from believing this?
6. How often do we settle for familiar and miss God's best?
7. In what ways does purpose produce life? To what end, or what is the Lord wanting to accomplish through us?
8. Looking at your life as it stands right now, what in your life needs to be sacrificed, or to die?"