

Living with Purpose! ...Romans 1:8-17

"If there's anything in life that we should be passionate about, it's the Gospel. And I don't mean passionate only about sharing it with others. I mean passionate in thinking about it, dwelling on it, rejoicing in it, allowing it to color the way we look at the world. Only one thing can be of first importance to each of us. And only the Gospel ought to be." ...C.J. Mahaney

1. Five (5) things that Paul writes about himself...Romans 1:9-16?

Scripture... *Galatians 1:10, 1 Thessalonians 1:2, Romans 8:12, 2 Timothy 4:2, 1 Peter 4:16*

- a. *I Serve God (v9)*
- b. *I Pray unceasingly (v9/v10)*
- c. *I am debtor to all (v14)*
- d. *I am eager to teach the gospel (v15)*
- e. *I am not ashamed of the good news (v16)*

- *Name 4 things others would write about you...*

2. By what means does a righteous man live on earth...

Scripture... *Psalms 1:1-2, Romans 12:11-18, James 1:22, Philippians 4:6-9, Ephesians 5:15*

3. Was Paul the Apostle of the Jews only?

Scripture... *Acts 9:15, Matthew 22:37-39, Luke 6:32-35*

4. God's Purpose for my Life...

Scripture... *Matthew 28:18-20, Proverbs 19:21, Philippians 4:13, Romans 12:11-12*

- Are you seizing the moment(s)?

Group Discussion

1. What stood out to you in tonight's message and scripture passages? ...*be descriptive!*

2. READ **Romans 1:14** and **Matthew 22:39** together... Describe how these two scriptures line up together.

- How can you actively and practically "Lead a more Purposeful Christian life?" Describe the choices you can make and the steps that you can take in dealing with these things...
- How does your Mindset (*the way you think and what you believe*) affect the "love of others" that is described in Luke 6:32-36?

3. READ **Colossians 4:6**, **Mark 9:50**, **John 1:5**, **Matthew 4:16** together... What are some of the characteristics of salt and light? How are they different? (Matthew 5:13-14)

- List each of the characteristics described:

4. Is there anything from tonight's discussion that spoke to you personally? In what way(s) does it affect your life? How will you directly and specifically apply it in your life today?

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)