

# Discovering Purpose

## Session 3

### Why Does God Give Me Purpose?

*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." - John 15:1-11*

What does this verse say about where our purpose comes from?

What does it mean to "Abide" in Christ? Why is that important?

What does "fruit" mean? What does it look like to produce fruit in your life?

How do these verses relate to discovering purpose?

How can you apply these verses to your life and pursuit of purpose?

*"Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." - Hebrews 13:20-21*

What does this verse say that God will do?

Why is it important to know that Jesus is like a Shepherd? What does that mean?

How does it make you feel to know that God helps us in this way?

What is God's will for the people who follow Him?

*"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them-yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me."*

*- 1 Corinthians 15:10*

What stands out to you from this verse?

Where does the power to pursue and do your work come from? Why is it important to know that?

**Debrief Questions:**

What have you learned about discovering your purpose based on the Bible verses from today?

Which of these verses stood out to you the most? Why?

What is one thing you want to do differently this week based on what you've learned today?