

STUDY GUIDE: “New Purpose”

Discussion Starters

1. What is your purpose in life?

2. Does your purpose in life revolve around your dreams and aspirations? (Why or why not?)

Study

3. In preparation for this study read, Philipians 1:12-20, 1 Corinthians 10:23-33, Matthew 28:16-20, Philipians 2:1-11, Ephesians 5:1-5,

To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Concordance. Strong's Concordance is a good tool and Blueletterbible.org is a good tool to use for online study. I have also included Strong's Reference numbers to assist you. The letter before the reference pertains to the original language (H-Hebrew, G-Greek).

If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

4. Define the following words or terms. Note for each of them how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.

--“exalted” (Philipians 1:20 Strong's Reference # g3170)—

--“glory” (1Corinthians 10:31 Strong's Reference # g1391)—

--“imitators” (Ephesians 5:1 Strong's Reference # g3402)—

--“offering” (Ephesians 5:2 Strong's Reference # g4376)—

--“ sacrifice” (Ephesians 5:2 Strong's Reference # g2378)—

5. According to Matthew 28:16-20, what is a Christian's purpose?

6. What is the basis for Paul's plea for unity in 1 Corinthians 10:23-33?

7. In Philippians 1:12-20, Paul is determined to do what whether he lives or dies?

Taking It Home

8. According to the scriptures read above, what is the foundation of a new purpose found in God?

9. What are some practical ways you can glorify God this week? (list at least 5)