

What is Your Purpose in Life?

Lessons from the Master – Part 4

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Acts 17:26-27 (ESV) And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,

Jeremiah 29:13 (ESV) You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

2 Peter 3:9 (ESV) The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

1. Seek to follow _____

Luke 18:35-36 (ESV) As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant.

Luke 18:37-38 (ESV) They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Luke 18:39 (ESV) And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Luke 18:40-41 (ESV) And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me recover my sight.”

Luke 18:42-43 (ESV) And Jesus said to him, “Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

2. Seek to save the _____

Luke 19:1-2 (ESV) He entered Jericho and was passing through. And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich.

Luke 19:3-4 (ESV) And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way.

Luke 19:5-6 (ESV) And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully.

Luke 19:7-8 (ESV) And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.”

Luke 19:9-10 (ESV) And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

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Intro. What do you think are many people's purposes in life?

What is God's purpose for every person according to Acts 17:26-27?

Why is Jeremiah 29:13 such an amazing promise for every person?

What is the reason that Jesus has not returned yet (2 Peter 3:9)? What does this verse tell us about our main purpose in life?

1A. Describe what you think life would have been like for this blind beggar (Luke 18:35-36).

1B. What does the blind man's title for Jesus tell us about him (Luke 18:37-38)?

1C. Why do you think that the people in the crowd rebuked the blind man (Luke 18:39)?

1D. Why did Jesus ask the blind man what he wanted (Luke 18:40-41)?

1E. What was the reason the blind man was healed according to Jesus (Luke 18:42-43)?

1F. How can you help those around you seek and find Jesus?

2A. What was the common feeling about tax collectors in Jesus' day (Luke 19:1-2)?

2B. What did Zaccheus and the blind man have in common (Luke 19:3-4)?

2C. Why did Jesus invite himself to Zaccheus' home (Luke 19:5-6)?

2D. What did Zaccheus' decisions tell us about his repentance (Luke 19:7-8)?

2E. What did Jesus say was his reason for coming to earth (Luke 19:9-10)?

2F. How can you be more like Jesus to seek and save the lost through your life?