

Youth group @ Home

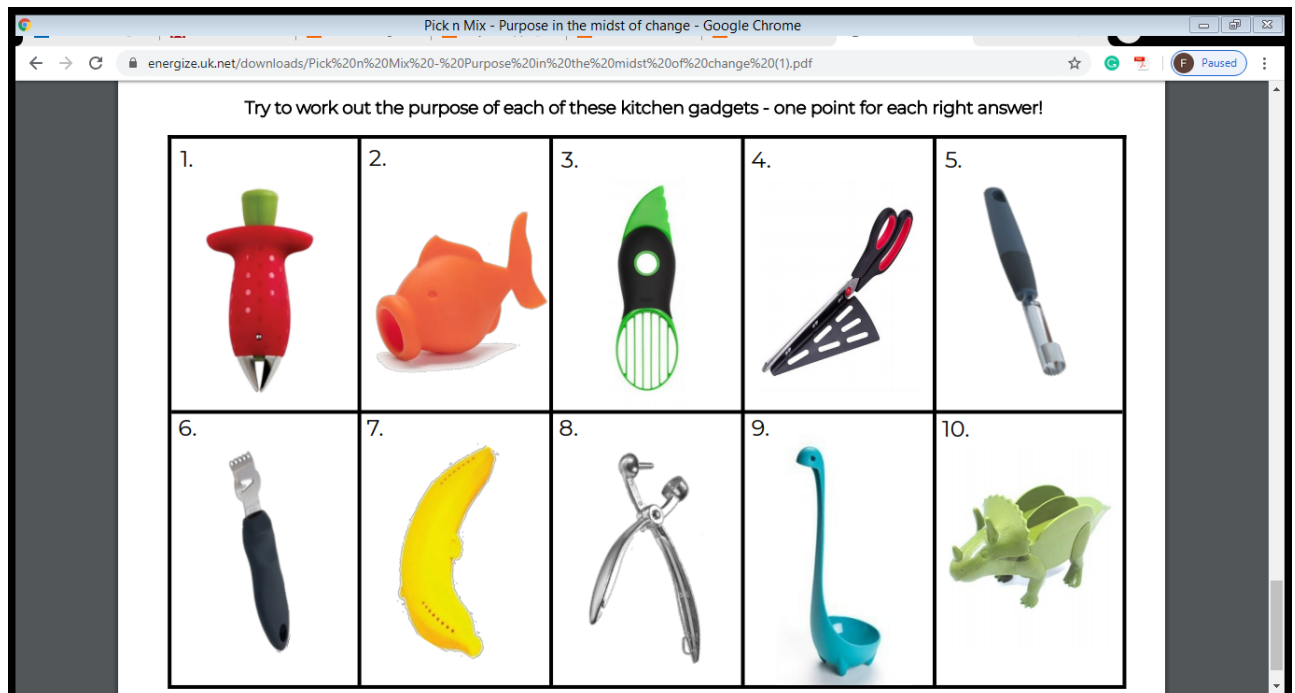
Sunday 07th June 2020

Christian Character – Session 8: My Purpose

Good morning and welcome to session 8 of Youth Group @ Home. Why not go through today's session with family or friends? You could always Zoom call some friends and go through the activities together.

Activity

To start us off thinking about purpose, take a look at the pictures below and see if you can guess what they are and what their purpose is.



Answers:

1. Strawberry stem remover
2. Egg yolk separator
3. Avocado slicer
4. Pizza cutter
5. Apple corer
6. Fruit zester

7. Banana lunch box protector
8. Olive pitter
9. Soup ladle
10. Taco dinosaur holder

Bible Study

Think about what purpose is and a time when you have felt you have a purpose.

Look at Matthew 25:14-19 and Ephesians 2:10. Maybe discuss these verses with some friends over Zoom or with your family. What do you think these verses are saying to us?

Consider these questions:

- What does this passage tell me about God?
- What does this passage tell me about people (or myself)?
- If this is God's word for my life how will I obey it?
- Who am I going to tell?

Maybe make some notes about these points that you can look back on.

You are unique – you are one of a kind. Even if you have an ‘identical’ twin and look similar, you are different in so many ways - preferences, character, skills and abilities etc. This means that we each have something unique to contribute to the world around us. As Christians, we believe that God made us this way. He has designed us - as we are - to be able to serve both others and him using the skills He has given us. Like with the man in the story, there is an expectation that we will *USE* what He gives. There is no one the same as you and God does not make pointless things. God created you for a **purpose**. That means you are **special**, you are **needed**, you have **world-changing potential**, and no situation, circumstance, or person can ever take that away from you because it is engrained in your very being. This is who you are!

Activity

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YOUTH SPIRITUAL GIFTS TEST

God has given us each Spiritual gifts, as 1 Peter 4:10-11 says, ‘As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace ... In order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.’ Fill out this test to get an idea of what your giftings might be.

How to take this test:

For the best results answer each statement below according to who you are, not who you would like to be or think you ought to be. How true are these statements of you? What has been your experience? What do others tell you? To what degree do these statements reflect your usual tendencies?

Each question is very important, so try not to miss out on any. Your score is calculated at the end of the test. Respond to each statement according to the following 0-5 point scale:

0 = Never; Not true

1 = Rarely; Seldom true

2 = Some of the time; Occasionally true

3 = Half of the time; Usually true

4 = Most of the time; Consistently true

5 = All of the time; Always true

Begin:

1. ____ I can organize my friends or classmates to accomplish a goal or task.
2. ____ I can tell if a statement is from the Bible or not.
3. ____ I have a good understanding of the Gospel, and can easily share it with others.
4. ____ I believe everyone needs encouragement in this life, and I love to give it.
5. ____ I have great confidence that God is personally and deeply involved with my life.
6. ____ I don't spend my money on things I don't need so I can give more of it to God.
7. ____ I have big dreams to live my life for God.
8. ____ I have compassion for those who are having hard times in their lives.
9. ____ I always pray for other people.
10. ____ I enjoy doing everyday tasks that support the different ministries of the church.
11. ____ I spend a lot of time studying the Bible so I can make a difference in someone's life.
12. ____ I can easily create a plan and put it into place to get something done.
13. ____ I listen carefully to what people say and teach to see if it is true or not.
14. ____ My heart is heavy for those who are lost without Jesus.
15. ____ When I see someone who is discouraged, I remind them of how great God is and how much He has promised to take care of them.
16. ____ I trust God completely to answer my prayers according to His perfect will.
17. ____ I love giving money to help the Church share the Gospel.
18. ____ I like to set goals and reach them, even if others oppose them.
19. ____ I see the sick or needy as those who most need the love and comfort that Jesus offers.

20. ____ I love helping others learn and grow in their faith.
21. ____ I gladly volunteer to help in church when I know it will fill a practical need.
22. ____ When I teach the Bible, others are interested and want to learn more.
23. ____ When I am in a group, I clearly see how everyone can contribute to accomplish our goal together.
24. ____ I can tell easily if a person is phony or fake.
25. ____ I always look for opportunities to build relationships with non-Christians.
26. ____ I feel God pushing me to inspire those who are not growing in their faith.
27. ____ I know God will come through even if I don't see how He will do it.
28. ____ It makes me happy knowing that when I give to the Church people will be helped and told about Jesus.
29. ____ I am not afraid to take risks to advance the kingdom of God.
30. ____ I care deeply about those who are hurting and want to help them through their tough times.
31. ____ Relationships are very important to me. I am definitely a "people person."
32. ____ I like to be in the background and have no need of recognition when I serve in the church.
33. ____ I enjoy explaining things to people so that they can grow spiritually and personally.
34. ____ I organize things so that my life runs more smoothly.
35. ____ I can decide quickly if there is an evil or wicked influence in a situation.
36. ____ I love to memorize Bible verses to share with those who don't know Jesus as their Savior.
37. ____ I am not afraid to challenge someone if I know it will inspire spiritual growth and boldness in their life.
38. ____ I will boldly step out in faith if I sense God is telling me to do something.
39. ____ Even though I give a good portion of what I have to God, He still blesses me with more than I need.
40. ____ I love to help others grow in their gifts and abilities.
41. ____ I love to help people through the problems of life and show them the compassion that Jesus did.
42. ____ I care about the church and want to see it grow and be built up in love.
43. ____ I set aside time and make an effort to help those in need around me.
44. ____ I hate it when someone uses Bible verses out of context for their own purposes.
45. ____ I care about the details when I am working on something.
46. ____ I can usually tell if someone is being deceitful or dishonest before anyone else can.
47. ____ I love to share what Christ has done in my life and how He has changed me.

48. ____ Others have told me that my encouraging words have helped them to step out and grow in their faith.
49. ____ Even when times are tough, I trust that God will comfort me and provide for my needs.
50. ____ I want to make God happy with how I use my money.
51. ____ People often look to me to lead a group or project at school or church.
52. ____ I have been known to “care too much” and help others in their time of need.
53. ____ I want to see everyone in the church fulfilling the Great Commission.
54. ____ If I see a need in the church I simply fill it without being asked.
55. ____ I pay attention to the words people use because each word is significant and has meaning.
56. ____ I know how to manage my time to get my daily work done.
57. ____ I see things plainly as good or evil, right or wrong, true or false.
58. ____ I feel that I have to tell my friends about Jesus, especially those who don't go to church.
59. ____ When others are faced with difficult problems, I confidently reassure them of God's faithfulness towards His people.
60. ____ I don't often worry because I know God is strong and will help me through every problem.
61. ____ I look for ways to personally help the poor and needy.
62. ____ I am not afraid to step up and take charge in a difficult situation.
63. ____ I look for those who are “outcasts” and help them put their lives back together.
64. ____ The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the most important thing in my life and ministry.
65. ____ I believe there is eternal importance in doing ordinary jobs at church.
66. ____ When I study the Bible, I am always finding out new interesting things about the Gospel.
67. ____ My room is always clean and in order.
68. ____ Others have told me I am a good judge of character.
69. ____ Most of my conversations with non-Christians lead to me speaking about my faith in Jesus.
70. ____ If I see people stumbling in their faith, I encourage them to remember what God has done and come back to the joy He offers us.
71. ____ I always encourage others to trust God in everything.
72. ____ When I get a paycheck or allowance, the first thing I do is ask God what He wants me to give.
73. ____ I concentrate more on the big picture than the small details.
74. ____ Others have said that I have comforted them at a low point in their lives.
75. ____ I do not seek the “spotlight,” but I believe God is preparing me to minister to others.
76. ____ I find joy in being a helper and assisting others in their ministries.
77. ____ Often the Holy Spirit gives me just the right words to say when I am teaching something.

Scoring Directions:

Write your score (from 0-5) for each question in the box with that question number. Add up each column and write your total scores above the corresponding Gift Code. Once you have done this you can check the key below to see what spiritual gift each Gift Code represents. The highest score for any gift is 35. The higher the score, the stronger you are in that spiritual gift based on your responses.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44
	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55
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Total Scores											
Gift Codes	AD	DI	EV	EX	FA	GI	LE	ME	PA	SE	TE

Gift Codes:

Ad = Administration

Di = Discernment

Ev = Evangelism

Ex = Exhortation

Fa = Faith

Gi = Giving

Le = Leadership

Me = Mercy

Pa = Pastor/Shepherd

Se = Serving/Ministering

Te = Teaching

Think

1. What do you think about the results you got from spiritual gifts test? Can you see these gifts in yourself? If so, how could you start using your gifts more?
2. What skills and abilities do you see in others around you?
3. Are there any new things that you would like to try now or in the future?
4. How do you think God might want to use you and the gifts He has given you?

Watch

Sometimes it can be hard to use the gifts God has given us, or fulfil the purpose God has given us, because things get in the way – We doubt ourselves, we think someone else could do a better job, we get scared, we feel unsure, we worry what other people will think, the list goes on... But this week, spend time praying and asking God to show you who He has made you to be, how He wants you to use the gifts He has given you, and the purpose He has for your life. As you pray about these things try to focus on what God thinks of you, not anyone else, and be brave! Step out and put your gifts to use.

Watch this video to find out more about what God thinks of you.

Girls - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWi5iXnguTU>

Boys - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aTAn-tk2pDA>

Remember

Here are some key points for you to remember:

- 1) God made you on purpose, for a purpose!
- 2) You are gifted.
- 3) Even now, in the craziness of lockdown and Covid-19, God has a plan and purpose for your life.

Prayers

Dear God,

Please reveal to me how you want to use me. Please show me the gifts you have given me and how you want me to use them.

Help me to see myself how you see me. Help me not to be afraid but stand out boldly for your glory.

Amen.

Remember, you can pray anytime – day or night – God is always listening to you and He loves to hear your voice.

We really hope you enjoyed this session. If you have questions you want to ask, or want to request a certain topic for a future session, you can email me: Freya@Bedhampton.Church.