



GUIDE NOTES *SESSION 4*

PURPOSE

Tonight is about **clarifying what it means to live with purpose** and grounding that purpose in **faithful stewardship**. Encourage participants to **recognize where God is already at work** in their lives, name **where clarity is still forming**, and **identify one simple, faithful next step**. The goal is not to figure out a future calling, but to take one intentional step **in this season**.

MEAL & MINGLE *30-40 min* ●●●●

FOLLOW-UP FROM LAST WEEK

Depending on the small, faithful steps your group members identified, follow-up and ask if people took the step they identified. For example, did they read that section of the guidebook, what stood out? Did they register for Alpha or the Women's Bible study (those registrations are open).

OPENING QUESTION

- **What comes to mind when you hear the phrase *live with purpose*?**

GROUND RULES FOR A GREAT DISCUSSION

Come As You Are We're all at different places in our discipleship journey—share what's going well, what's hard, or what isn't clicking—this is exactly what community is for.

Ask the Question Even if you feel like you should know the answer. A small breakthrough is likely on the other side.

Share Your Experience, Not Your Advice Create space for processing by asking follow-up questions and sharing what's helped you, rather than telling others what they *should* do.

Lean In. Lean Out. The night works best when everyone engages—some may need to lean in and share even when it feels uncomfortable, others may need to share and then lean out and make room for different voices.

Respect Confidentiality What's shared here stays here. Honor one another's stories and don't share personal details outside the group without permission.

Trust That God Is Moving Every night won't feel like a breakthrough, but trust that God is at work and will use this time in ways you may not see yet. Even if you can't feel it, he's moving...

QUESTIONS *50-60 min* ●●●●

UNDERSTANDING PURPOSE

Let's read pages 18–19 out loud together.

As you listen, notice what feels true in your life right now, and what still feels just a little out of reach.

After you finish reading, begin discussing:

1. **Where do you currently see or feel evidence of purpose in your life?**
2. **In what part(s) of your life are you least sure what living with purpose looks like right now?**
3. **What most often gets in your way of living with purpose? Let's name the pattern without unpacking the whole story so we can move toward next steps.**

GUIDE TIP: Keep the conversation grounded in this season. Celebrate ordinary faithfulness and allow honest uncertainty without trying to solve it. If needed, prompt with: "Where are you loving God or loving people right now?" For question 3, surface patterns like busyness, distraction, comparison, fear, or exhaustion without letting it drift into venting

REFRAMING PURPOSE

4. **If purpose is about faithful stewardship in this season, where might God be inviting you to steward more intentionally—your time, your talent, or your treasure? What could that look like in this season?**

GUIDE TIP: Invite participants to choose one category rather than speaking generally. Keep the focus on present stewardship, not future ambitions by asking a follow-up like "What's a small step toward that in the near-term?"

MOVING FORWARD WITH PURPOSE

Let's turn to *Your Pathway* on pages 30-31. Focus on the Purpose dimension—for your current stage and the ones before it. Mark the steps you're practicing consistently.

5. **Which pivotal step within PURPOSE feels like the right place to focus right now—and what is one small specific step you can commit to taking this week to move it forward?**

GUIDE TIP: Help participants move from general intentions to specific actions this week (e.g., read the related section, complete a Join-the-Team form, set up recurring giving, schedule time to invest in someone). The goal is clarity and commitment, not impressiveness.

Prayer Close the time together praying over what was shared and what's to come.