



Big Idea **Dying for Purpose**

(Read Proverbs 14:12, John 12:24, Matthew 16:25, Acts 20:24)

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I bet you want to live a meaningful life. We were wired by God to walk a purpose filled path. But there's a problem. A wide road invites us to waste our lives. Most will walk into the grave void of purpose. So, let's be different. Micah shared with us this week two life giving truths in a talk he called Dying for Purpose.

Good times often follow bad moments. The warmth of dawn comes after the chill of night. In like fashion our first truth may feel like bad news, but stay tuned, good is on the horizon.

1. Death precedes purpose.

Read Proverbs 14:12 & John 12:24... Jesus used illustrations to help heavenly truths land on earth. In this passage he uses an agricultural picture to bring this truth to life. If a seed does not die it withers, it fades, it remains a single seed. But God designed the seed to live beyond itself, it must die to itself then it can be reproduced and multiplied.

2. Purpose produces life.

Read Acts 20:24 & Romans 6:13b... God's purpose gave life to our faith heroes. For Paul real life and purpose were inextricably linked. Life is a vapor. It's too short to live disconnected from purpose. God invites us to come alive to the very thing we're all dying for – Purpose.

“Christ death saves our souls. God's purpose fuels our lives.”

Discussion Questions

- Do you believe His purpose is better than your plan?
- In your life before you met Jesus, what happened to shatter your self-centered life? Do you believe God's purpose for you is better than your own plan?
- Jesus talked about two way to live in Matthew 16:25. What are the two ways? What was Jesus saying? What in your life needs to die?
- Micah said, “Purpose produces life” and “God's purpose fuels our life.” What is your life's purpose?
- Micah said, “Live a life that outlives this life.” What does that look like?

Prayer Focus

God, thank You for giving us power through the Holy Spirit to grow, and become more like Jesus. Make our next steps clear to us today, and give us courage to take those steps and pursue You with all we have. As we walk out Your purpose for our lives, let every step draw us closer to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Next Steps

Each of us have a God-given purpose. Our three-part Growth Track is specifically designed to help people discover their purpose so they can make a difference. If you haven't completed the Growth Track, take your next step and jump in to the Growth Track next week!

Leader Tip

Help every person in your group identify their next step and challenge them to take it this week (or as soon as possible)! Ask everyone to pick a partner to help hold them accountable to taking their next step. Check in with everyone next week to see who's making progress and who needs extra encouragement.