



HANOVERDALE CHURCH

Gospel of John Your Purpose in Life

DEVOTIONALS FOR THE WEEK OF:

October 6, 2024

Pastor Rick Warren asks a profound question in his book, *The Purpose Driven Life*. "What on earth am I here for?" This week we will dig more deeply into the purpose for our lives.

Monday: John 1:19-20

What probing question did the religious leaders ask John who was baptizing people in the Jordan River? Why do you think they were so concerned? How did he respond in vs. 20? Why is this an odd way to respond? To declare or confess twice in one verse is important. He is agreeing emphatically and openly that he is not the Christ. Why is that an important statement, to declare who you are not? So... who are you not?

Tuesday: John 1:21; Malachi 4:5; Deuteronomy 18:15-19; Matthew 11:14

Why did people think that he might be the reincarnation of Elijah? Why was he not Elijah? Why did they think he might be the prophet Moses? Why was he not? What 'prophet' would come who would be like Moses? What are we supposed to resemble as we grow and follow Christ? Today, don't pad your resume to make it seem that you are something that you are not. Point to Jesus.

Wednesday: John 1:22-25; Isaiah 40:1-5

If John was not Messiah, why was he baptizing people? What was his redemptive role? What was the job of a herald? What would the coming king do for the people? How was life like a wilderness? How did (does) Jesus bring comfort? What did John's baptism do to prepare people? Why is it important to prepare people to meet Jesus today? Look at your own life today. Are there obstacles that prevent you from being close to the Lord?

Thursday: John 1:26-27

What was John's attitude toward his younger cousin Jesus? Why was he not fit to untie his sandal laces? Who removed sandals from the feet of dusty travelers? What does that tell you about John's heart? Look into your own heart today. Are you humble? Enough to serve Christ in whatever way He deems best by serving others? What sort of servant's role can you see yourself doing? Go ahead and work on that.

Friday: Esther 2-4

Who was Esther before she became queen in the land of the Medes and the Persians? How did she become queen? Who was her uncle Mordechai? Why was it dangerous to be a Jew? What did Haman persuade the king to do? Why was that dangerous to Esther? Why was she afraid to show up unannounced to the king? What did Mordichi say to her (4:12-14)? What was Esther' purpose at that time in history? Do you suppose God has a purpose for you?

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7

What was the problem in the early church? Who was being overlooked and why? What was the role of the 12 disciples? Why is that an important role? What might have becoming 'distracted' with caring for the widows affected their God-given role? How was the problem solved? Why were the deacons chosen for this role? Every follower of Christ has a purpose, already determined by God that when accomplished will build God's Kingdom. Do you know what your role should be that God has put you on this earth to do? Step into it.