



# MINISTRY

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# SESSION 5

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#### CATCHING UP

- Share an insight from your reading in *The Purpose Driven Life* that was especially meaningful to you this week.
- Valuable things are not always visible. Name some unseen things that have great value.

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#### MEMORY VERSE

*We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

**Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)**



Watch the video lesson now and follow along in your outline.

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There is no such thing as a non-serving Christian.

*It is he who saved us and chose us for his holy work.*

**2 Timothy 1:9a (TLB)**

God planned in advance what he wanted you to do with your life.

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**Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)**

What matters in life is not how long you live but *how* you live. What matters is not the duration of your life but the donation of your life.

### **God shaped you for service:**

**S**piritual gifts

**H**eart

**A**bilities

**P**ersonality

**E**xperiences

*Your hands shaped me and made me.*

**Job 10:8a (NIV)**

## WHAT ON EARTH **AM I HERE FOR?**

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others.*

**1 Peter 4:10a (NIV)**

- My fourth purpose in life is to serve God by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

*Your attitude must be like my own, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve.*

**Matthew 20:28 (TLB)**

### **How to Serve Like Jesus**

- Serving like Jesus means being \_\_\_\_\_ .

*Two blind men shouted, "Lord, have mercy on us." . . . Jesus stopped and called them. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.*

**Matthew 20:30–32 (NIV)**

If you're going to be used by God, you have to be willing to be interrupted.

*Never tell your neighbors to wait until tomorrow if you can help them now.*

**Proverbs 3:28 (TEV)**

- Serving like Jesus means being \_\_\_\_\_ .

*Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here."*

**John 11:41–42 (NIV)**

*I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who gave me strength, because he trusted me and gave me this work of serving him.*

**1 Timothy 1:12 (NCV)**

*Serve the LORD with gladness.*

**Psalm 100:2a (KJV)**

- **Serving like Jesus means being \_\_\_\_\_ .**

*“I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.”*

**John 17:4 (NIV)**

*The one thing required of such servants is that they be faithful.*

**1 Corinthians 4:2 (TEV)**

*“For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done.”*

**Matthew 16:27 (NIV)**

*Throw yourselves into the work of the Master, confident that nothing you do for him is a waste of time or effort.*

**1 Corinthians 15:58b (MSG)**

*“And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded.”*

**Matthew 10:42 (NLT)**

No matter how insignificant your service might seem to you, God sees it all and he rewards it all. In God’s eyes, there is no little service.

## WHAT ON EARTH **AM I HERE FOR?**

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men . . . It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*

**Colossians 3:23–24 (NIV)**

*[God] will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers.*

**Hebrews 6:10 (NLT)**

- **Serving like Jesus means being \_\_\_\_\_.**

*You are familiar with the generosity of our Master, Jesus Christ. Rich as he was, he gave it all away for us—in one stroke he became poor and we became rich.*

**2 Corinthians 8:9 (MSG)**

*Out of sheer generosity [God] put us in right standing with himself. A pure gift. He got us out of the mess we're in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be. And he did it by means of Jesus Christ.*

**Romans 3:24 (MSG)**

*You will be glorifying God through your generous gifts. For your generosity will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ.*

**2 Corinthians 9:13 (NLT)**

*You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and . . . your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.*

**2 Corinthians 9:11 (NIV)**



## Discovery Questions

- “We serve God by serving others. There is no such thing as a non-serving Christian.” What would your church be like if everyone lived by this truth?

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- Availability, gratitude, faithfulness, generosity—which of these four attitudes do you need to work on the most?

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There are only two discovery questions in this session so you can spend more time with the Living on Purpose exercise.







## Diving Deeper

- Do you want to go deeper in ministry?

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- Read chapters 29 to 35 in *The Purpose Driven Life* before your next small group meeting. Share with the world what you are learning by placing a favorite quote from the book on your Facebook page or by tweeting with the hashtag #PDL.
- Read the **Memory Verse** on page 42 every day this week as part of your daily devotions. See if you can have it memorized before your next group meeting.



## Prayer Direction

- Ask God to lead you into your area of ministry. If you are already actively serving in a ministry, then pray for that ministry right now.
- Pray for your group's prayer requests. Be sure to record their requests on the **Small Group Prayer and Praise Report** on page 72.



### **Before you go . . .**

- There is only one session left in this study of *What on Earth Am I Here For?* We hope this study has been a blessing to you. This would be a good time to start talking about where you want to go from here in your group life. Which of the five purposes do you want to study in more depth together? Pick your purpose and then visit **[www.purposedriven.com](http://www.purposedriven.com)** to find more video-based small group studies.
- We also encourage you to plan a seventh session together where you can celebrate what God has done in your lives through this small group study. This should be a dinner, barbecue, or picnic where the focus is on fellowship. It can also be an excellent opportunity to invite other people who might be interested in joining your small group. So start making plans now.