

## This is CL (3)

Titus was left in Crete to put in order what was unfinished and to appoint leaders who would teach and train the new believers to commit themselves to their new identity in Christ.

Titus 1:12-13 ESV One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." **13** This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith... .

2:11-12 NLT "for the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. **12** And we are instructed to turn from godless living... live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God.

### **Becoming the People of God**

Step One – We want people who Know God

Step Two – We want people to Find Freedom

Step Three – We want people to **Discover Purpose**

Step Four – we want people to Make an Impact

### Discovering Purpose

Titus 2:11 for the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people.

"revealed" or "appeared" is the Greek word "epiphaino" (Pro: epi fan oh). It literally means "to shine" or "to give light too"

The key to a successful life is seeing the Grace that God has given you for a Purposeful Life.

To have an Illuminated Vision.

You must have a Vision for your Life. You must be able to See your Purpose

Pro. 29:18 KJV Where there is no vision the people perish; (ESV = "no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint")

Vision is the Chazone. Chazown is the Hebrew word for vision, and it's what God had in mind for you when you were created.

Do you have a vision, a dream or a revelation for your life... something to run after?

In another Craig Groeschel's book IT : Greyhound dog races in Florida, the rabbit malfunctions and blows up. Not one of the dogs finished the race. All of them got confused and disoriented. Some ran through the railing and busted up their ribs, others just sat down and quit. And a couple of dogs started barking and howling at the crowd.

### **A vision for your life will bring Focus**

- If you don't have a focus, you say yes to everything. This is why people are so frazzled & tired.
- All of hell has a plan for your life

### **A vision for life will bring you Endurance**

- When you have a goal in view, you will fight through it.

- Child birth = Jesus said, John 16:21 A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world.

### **A vision for your life will bring you fulfillment**

- The mom forgets all the anguish and the pain of the labor.

## **Not Just Any Vision Will Do... The Right Vision**

### **God has a script written just for you!**

Psalm 139:16 Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

### **God has a Purpose, even for your detours!**

Ephesians 1:11 (Msg) It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone

Living for Purpose helps you overcome your problems.

### **Ephesians 5:8-17 NIV**

Ephesians tells we were chose before the foundation of the world and God is working in us for the purpose of His will.

v. 8-11 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. **Live as children of light** v. 9 (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth)

- God has turn on the lights, so you can his Purpose for you. what is good and right and true for you.
- This why he says in verse 10 and **find out what pleases the Lord**.

*The Message Bible v.8-10 You groped your way through that murk once, but no longer. You're out in the open now. The bright light of Christ makes your way plain. So no more stumbling around. Get on with it! "... Figure out what will please Christ, and then do it."*

v. 11 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. v. 12 It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. v. 13 But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.

- All of us have some dark places, some shameful secrets.... we all have some hidden places in our life, they are just not that good, not right, don't reflect the true you. Come out of those dark places...

v.14 This is why it is said: "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

- Here is the message, wake up! rise up and Jesus will shine some light on your purpose.

v. 15 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, v. 16 **making the most of every opportunity**, because the days are evil.

- God will make sure you have opportunities to walk in his purpose.

v. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, **but understand what the Lord's will is.**

### **Find out what the will of the Lord is!**

Revisit Romans 7 from last week: Look at verse 15 (esv) For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

Two Very Important Questions when discovering purpose:

#### **What am I doing that I should not be doing?**

Many of us are in here today and we know we are living a life we were never intended to live.

Eph 4:22-24 ISV Regarding your former way of life, you were taught to strip off your old man, which is being ruined by its deceptive desires **23** to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, **24** and to clothe yourselves with the new man, which was created according to the likeness of God in righteousness and true holiness.

- Strip off the old man and Put on the new man which was created with a kingdom purpose.
- Notice the bridge verse is v. **23** "...be renewed in the spirit of your minds"

We need a RENEWED MIND, not a PASSIVE MIND

... you will never Discover Purpose with a Passive Mind

*Joyce Meyer, "so many believers are emotionally ruled that an absence of feeling is all that is needed to stop them from doing what they were taught to do. They praise if they feel like it, give if they feel like it, keep their word if they feel like it – and if they don't feel like it, they don't"*

Romans 12:2 ISV therefore urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercies, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices that are holy and pleasing to God... **2** Do not be conformed to this world, but continually be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you may be able to determine what God's will is—what is proper, pleasing, and perfect.

A renewed mind is searching, it is intentional, it is active and it doesn't going into passivity.

*A renewed mind is always asking, what am I doing that I should NOT be doing and...*

#### **What am I not doing that I should be doing?**

- 1) This is a question we could help you with at CL
- 2) We are giving you opportunities to discover your purpose.
  - a) Give your life to Jesus.
  - b) Take the Next Steps Class.
  - c) Join a Small Group.
  - d) Start serving on an Impact team.