

HIS
PLAN
OUR
PURPOSE

IS THERE MORE?

Understanding the Storyline of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation

THE STORY OF **PURPOSE**

TEACHER GUIDE

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THE WHOLE STORY

Warren Wiersbe writes, “When He wrote the Bible, God didn’t give us a ponderous theology book divided into sections labeled God, Creation, Man, Sin, and so forth. Instead, He gave us a story, a narrative that begins in eternity past and ends in eternity future.”



THE STORY OF **GRACE**

> *January*



THE STORY OF **DELIVERANCE**

> *February*



THE STORY OF **PROMISE**

> *March*



THE STORY OF **FAITH**

> *April*



THE STORY OF **RENEWAL**

> *May*

FEATURED



THE STORY OF **PURPOSE**

> *June, July + August*



THE STORY OF **CHRIST: IN HIS OWN WORDS**

> *August + September*



THE STORY OF **POWER**

> *October*



THE STORY OF **CHANGE**

> *November*



THE STORY OF **HEAVEN**

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THE STORY OF PURPOSE

This year we have been asking the overall question, “Is there more?” And now that we are midway into the year, the question is just as relevant. The series we are embarking upon this summer is perhaps the timeliest of all. It does not matter what stage of life you are in, or circumstances you are facing; everyone wants to have purpose.

For the next 10 weeks we will be looking at the Story of Purpose as it pertains to life. The dictionary defines purpose as both a noun and a verb. The noun definition is **the reason something exists or is done, made or used**. The verb definition is **to set as an aim, intention, or goal for oneself**.¹ Whether you are looking for the reason something exists or its aim or intention, we all are looking for purpose.

Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived realized the value of purpose. In Ecclesiastes 3, he begins the chapter with this verse:

ECCLESIASTES 3:1 *To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven. (NKJV)*

This one verse sums up the importance and significance of purpose. Everything under heaven, that which we experience on this earth, has purpose. There is nothing that happens on this earth and in our lives that comes as a surprise to God. There is a season, a time and a purpose for all things. After Solomon states this thesis, he proceeds to list 14 opposites. A time to be born and a time to die. A time to weep and a time to laugh, among others. These 14 opposites are known as extremes, yet in between the extremes is something called life. It is in between the extremes that we find purpose for everything under heaven.

There is a purpose for family and work. There is a purpose for words and community. In God’s sovereignty, He knew that we would experience the inevitable extremes. But God also knew that we would have choices to make amid them. Over the next 10 weeks, we will seek the wisdom of God by looking at passages from the wisdom books of Psalms, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes.

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¹ Dictionary.com