

MESSAGE NOTES

“Different” series

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“Different Purpose”

Crossroads Christian Church

1 Peter

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We show what we _____ by how we _____.

Peter gives us some examples ...

He starts with _____. (1 Peter 2:13-14)

Then he talks about _____. (1 Peter 2:18-19)

He even talks about _____. (1 Peter 3:1-2, 7)

The goal:

To _____ people _____ and _____ Jesus.

“Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ.” (1 Peter 3:15-16 NLT)

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of October 20, 2024

GETTING STARTED _____

1. Looking back at your notes from the message, what was something that stood out or challenged you? Why?

2. When we consider our purpose on a personal level, what things come to mind as you consider your personal purpose in life?

DIGGING DEEPER _____

1. Reflect on a moment when someone demonstrated Jesus through their actions. How did that experience influence your faith?

2. Looking at the life of Jesus, what are some ways He was seen as “different” from the world around Him? How do you stand out as “different” in your faith journey?

In **1 Corinthians 9:19-23**, the Apostle Paul challenges us to be ***all things to all people*** so that we might share in his mission. What tension do you feel when you consider living this out?

3. Read the following scriptures for more examples of people God called:

- **Judges 6:1-16** (Gideon’s calling)

- **1 Kings 19-21** (Elijah’s encounter with God)

- **Matthew 9:9-12** (Jesus calls Matthew)

How do these stories encourage you on your quest to find God's purpose for your life? What common traits do you notice among those God called?

4. You've likely heard the phrase, "actions speak louder than words." Reflect on **John 8:2-11** and consider areas where we may struggle to uphold Jesus' teachings. What checks and balances can we implement in our lives to ensure our actions reflect love rather than judgment or hate?

*(Also consider **Matthew 7:1-5** on the importance of self-reflection and not judging others.)*

PRACTICAL APPLICATION _____

1. Pastor Rusty said, "You don't argue people into faith; you love people into faith." With your small group, brainstorm ways you can "love people into faith," both individually and as a group.
2. Crossroads offers many opportunities to support your calling to share Jesus with others. If you could dedicate one hour each week to this mission, what areas interest you most?
3. Consider your faith journey and how God has worked through you to help others find and follow Jesus. How might your story inspire or encourage others to step into their calling?

PRAYER REQUESTS _____