

ON PURPOSE: HISStory

There's one more thing to discuss in regards to our purpose.

The Big PICTURE of what God is doing in the earth.

We tend to think that this life is actually the Story of US.

"The Story already has a Star, and the Star is not You or Me."

"If we don't get the two stories straight, everything else in our lives will be out of sync. We'll spend our days trying to hijack the Story of God, turning it into the story of us."

-Louie Giglio

The question that needs to be answered:

Why did Jesus LEAVE in the first place?

Luke 2:8-12 (NIV)

Luke 4:29-30 (NIV)

Jesus primary message was that the KINGDOM OF GOD IS NEAR.

Luke 24:1-7 (NIV)

Acts 1:3-6 (NIV) After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 1:6-8 (NIV) ⁶ "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:9 (NIV) ⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

Acts 1:10-11 (NIV) ¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

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Why did Jesus leave? When will He come back? Why are we here?

The very MISSION and PURPOSE of the church depend on your answer to those questions.

Your PURPOSE and the MEANING of your life also depend on that answer.

The Answer:

Matthew 24:3-14 (NIV)...¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

We are here to preach the gospel of the KINGDOM OF GOD to the world.

"The head things where the feet stand."

-Frei Betto

If we're characters in His story created specifically to play a key role, then the ultimate meaning in our lives must be found by figuring out where OUR STORY intersects with GOD'S BIG STORY.

Acts 1:12-14 (NIV)

Acts 2:1-12 (NIV)

Your purpose is connected to the ROLE you're to play in God's Big Story.

The mission: Go into EVERY MAN'S WORLD.

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