



[CHURCH] ON PURPOSE - WEEK 4 - PASTOR JEREMY BATES

Sermon Notes, February 27, 2022

Text: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Ephesians 2:12,13,17-22

Introduction

When you love someone and spend time with them, you often find that you grow to love the things they love. Jesus loves the church and he wants us to love what he loves.

1 John 4:20,21 - Commanded to Love

"Genuine love for God reveals itself in growing love for the people God loves."

Ephesians 2:17,18

Bounded Set vs Centered Set mentality

"Creating an Invitational Culture" at Bethel:

"Having an invitational culture is all about practicing the hospitality of God. God has loved, welcomed, and accepted us, so we love, welcome, and accept others. Our ministries and programs are designed to be inclusive, creating opportunities for church members to invite others into our community."

Ephesians 2:19-22

"Church on Purpose means we stop "going" to church

"The church has never been a place, it's a people."

Citizens who Represent the Kingdom (v19)

"Citizenship comes with rights and well as responsibilities"

- 2 Corinthians 5:20

Family who Connect with Others (v19)

"Anyone who does the will of the Father is Family!"

- Ephesians 1:5
- Matthew 12:47-50

"Life change happens best in circles, not rows." Andy Stanley

God's House: Contribute to the Cause (v20,22)

Guest (Consumer)vs Host (Contributor) mentality

Acts 17:24

Conclusion:

When you're actively engaged in the movement of the church, you get a front row seat of God at work!



Life Group Discussion

Warm-Up:

Pastor Jeremy shared about being recognized in the middle of Golden Ears provincial park. What is the most unlikely place you've ever met someone you knew?

Study & Discussion:

1) What resonated with you from the sermon? What challenged or surprised you? What questions do you have?

2) No one really likes being "told" what to do, especially when it is hard. Read 1 John 2:20,21. How does it make you feel to be "commanded" to love? How has this command shaped your life?

- *"Genuine love for God reveals itself in growing love for the people God loves."*

3) Read Ephesians 2:12b,13, 17,18 - "Bounded set vs Centered set" mentality

4) How have you experienced Bethel's value of "Creating an Invitational Culture"? Are there ways to improve?

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5) Read Ephesians 2:19-22

CITIZENS WHO REPRESENT THE KINGDOM

- What "rights" & what "responsibilities" come with being a citizen of Jesus' Kingdom?

FAMILY WHO CONNECT WITH OTHERS

- What does it mean *"Life change happens best in circles, not rows"*?

GOD'S HOUSE: CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAUSE

- What differences are there between a "Guest" & "Host" mindset when it comes to being part of the church? How is it expressed in practical ways?

6) Read Acts 17:24 - We truly get to serve and be part of God's work, not because He "needs" us to, but because it is what's best for us to grow and be fulfilled!

Prayer:

