

**SERMON SERIES:** 52

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## Sermon Title:

“Did Jesus Have A Life Purpose? (Part 1)”

## Introduction

This past week we asked the question, “if Jesus was perfect, why was He baptized?” and this week we are asking the question “Did Jesus have a life purpose?” We are addressing this question both this week and next, hoping to understand the purpose of Jesus better. In turn, we are hoping to also understand our own purpose in Christ.

- We often ask children what they want to do when they grow up, and sometimes our answers change as we get older. Have you ever met someone who grew up and did what they always wanted to do?

## Seek the Word

- Read Romans 1:16, 2 Timothy 1:7-8, and 1 Peter 3:15-16. Who does God want us to reach? What does He want us to do in light of these passages?
- Read Luke 19. What character traits of Jesus are shown in this passage?
- In Luke 19, how did Zacchaeus show that his heart had changed?

## Go Deeper

Jesus' purpose is to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). What stories of radical transformation are in Scripture? Create a short list, familiarizing yourself with different people who God transformed. Ask questions like “how did they meet Jesus?” and “how open were they to the Gospel?”

## Talk About It

- Share a story of someone you know whose life was radically different after meeting Jesus.
- Why do you think we're so uncomfortable with people who are different from us?
- What could you and/or your church do to reach out to those we assume would not be interested in Jesus?
- Who in your circle might you be able to influence to follow Jesus?

## Wrap Up

*Reminder:* God's will is for you to adopt his mission: To seek and save the lost.

*Challenge:* The next time you are hosting a group of people (birthday party, graduation, wedding, anniversary, etc.), find someone outside of your Christian circle of friends. Invite that person specifically to introduce them to other Christ followers.