

CELEBRATION SUNDAY: November 16, 2003

Our Celebration Sunday was such a blessing! Hopefully everyone in your group was able to take part and help build our wall. Spend a few minutes going around the room sharing what God has done in your life over these past forty days in relation to np3.

PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE: Purpose #5: You Were Made for a Mission

1. Read Luke 5:27-32 and Luke 7:34. What kind of people did Jesus associate with? How accepting are you of people who are far from God?
2. Read Luke 14:23. How different would your group or church be if you really put this verse into action?
3. Share one or two unsaved people that your group can be praying for. What can you learn from 2 Peter 3:8-9 about patience and perseverance in reaching those that don't know Christ?
4. What can your group do together to fulfill the Great Commission? (Maybe plan a social event where everyone can invite their unsaved friends?)
5. How has reading through this book together refocused or redirected your life purpose? What have been some of the most helpful insights to you?



We want to be sure that we complete the work that God wants to do in us, so we are introducing our next session for Small Groups, **52 Days**. *So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of Elul, in fifty-two days. Nehemiah 6:15.* Your Group leader will be given more information this week, but we look forward to seeing our groups:

1. Celebrate the holidays together

Thanksgiving and Christmas are a lot more dark and depressing for some people than we realize. We want to battle this phenomenon at the Rock. This will be a time to keep relationships active. We will continue to have prayer partners and to pray for one another's unsaved friends. This season provides a great opportunity to get people saved!

2. Do ministry together

Last week your group should have identified a ministry everyone can do together. Upcoming ministry opportunities will include the *Great Thanksgiving Banquet* that we will be sponsoring again this year at the Rescue Mission and the *Toys for Joy* outreach in December.

3. Read through the Bible together

Pastor Miles has will preach through the entire Bible, beginning with Genesis on January 4. We are excited about providing you with a publication each month to help further your understanding of God's Word. Leading up to January 4, Pastor Miles will be doing a series on How We Know the Bible is True. The 52 Days publication will provide you with all the sermon notes and much more material that will not be covered in the sermon.

Prayer Guide for Week Six

Enormous Glory to God November 17-21

Scripture Reflection: Read Nehemiah 12

“During the dedication of the new wall of Jerusalem, the Levites throughout the land were asked to come to Jerusalem to assist in the ceremonies. They were to take part in the joyous occasion with their songs of thanksgiving and with the music of cymbals, lyres, and harps.” Nehemiah 12:27

“Like art, like music, like so many other disciplines, prayer can only be appreciated when you actually spend time in it. Spending time with the Master will elevate your thinking. The more you pray, the more will be revealed. You will understand. You will smile and nod your head as you identify with others who fight long battles and find great joy on their knees.” Joni Eareckson Tada

Sacrifice: Double the time you are currently spending with God.

God, our everywhere-present, all-powerful, and infinitely wise King, we pray...

- That all participants in the np3 40 days of Prayer and Purpose would have a renewed desire to continue the spiritual disciplines for their lives.
- That each person in our church would be challenged to grow spiritually and experience His divine plan for living a transformed life.
- That all participants would reflect on His purposes for their lives and act on what the Holy Spirit is revealing to them.
- That all participants would grow in their love for God – pursuing Him relentlessly with all their hearts, souls, and minds.
- That the congregational reading of the Word and *The Purpose Driven Life* will be a grace-filled turning point for the maturity of our church.
- That all participants would fully submit to their role in God’s design -- fulfilling the Great Commission and observing the Great Commandment given to all generations.
- God will confirm in each person as to what they are to pledge for the next three years to the building project.