



# MAKE.IT.COUNT.

## Getting Clarity

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Week 3

3 of 4

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**Bottom Line:** Purpose brings peace and commitment.

**Icebreaker:** Go around the room and have everyone tell where they were born, adding the name of the hospital if possible, and something that is unique or famous to that town. If there are repeat locations, the next speaker must say something different about the town.

**Key Verse:** *It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.* Ephesians 1:11 MSG

*Everything, absolutely everything . . . got started in him and finds its purpose in him.* Colossians 1:16

Clarity is the ability to see and hear intelligently and sharply. Clarity allows us to experience confidence, direction, fruitfulness, and fulfillment. All of this is a result of finding clarity in our purpose in Jesus. This is our calling in life. We all have different careers (how we pay our bills and make a living), but we have basically the same calling (where we make a life and fulfill God's design). Our purpose is to serve and to share the good news of Jesus. When we do that, we make our life count no matter what career we have. In our career we have the opportunity to find success. In our calling we experience significance.

Jesus brings clarity to what our lives are all about. We all find our purpose in serving and sharing as He did. As we take care of the things that matter to Him, we find security: He promises He will care for the things that matter to us (Romans 8:28). We find significance: Our lives truly matter, and as we find our purpose, we fulfill our potential for greatness. God is at work in the world, and we have an amazing opportunity to join Him. It is more than an opportunity. In fact, it is a calling we are to fulfill.

The questions every person asks, "Who am I? Why am I here?", can only be answered with clarity when we go to God for the answers. That is how we spend our one and only lives on something that outlasts them. Get clarity.

### THINK IT OVER >>>

What impacted you most from Sunday's message.

What is the difference between your career and your calling?

"To find out our purpose in Jesus Christ, we have to ask what was Jesus' focus when He was here on earth. What did He come to do?" (See Luke 19:10.)

"For a believer, the purpose of life is serving and sharing." Discuss.

"When we find our purpose in Jesus Christ and begin to live out our calling, God makes a promise to us. He says He will work all things together for our good. What a relief that is!" Can you see how that is being fulfilled in your life?

"Everyone can be great because everyone can serve." – Martin Luther King. Discuss.

### LOOK IT OVER <<<

"A lack of clarity will put the brakes on any journey to success." – Steve Maraboli. If that is true in the pursuit of success, how much more would it play out in the arena of significance? Discuss.

What do you think are the obstacles to recognizing our potential for greatness? How would you counsel someone who feels insignificant?

"The best use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts it." – William James. What is a current investment you are making that you hope and believe will outlast you?

"Purity leads to clarity." – Andy Stanley. How does this apply to your life purpose?

A lack of clarity creates chaos and frustration, and those emotions are poison to any goal, corporately or individually. Discuss.

## NEXT STEPS

This week consider taking some next steps together as a group:

- 1) Attend a DISCOVER class.
- 2) Develop an “invest and invite” list. Perhaps you have overlaps of friends and can make maximum impact together.

## EVALUATION/ACTION

Realizing and reaching your full potential in Christ

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Rate yourself from 1 to 10 1 (never), 10 (always)	1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits will you obtain by raising your rating?										
Do you know someone who demonstrates this bottom line well? What do you admire about that person?										
What specific action can you put into practice to raise your rating?										
At the end of this week, reflect - where did you see the bottom line show up in your actions throughout the week?										

## PRAYER

List group members and their prayer requests for this week:

## DAILY STUDY

Want to dig deeper? Check out **The Daily** this week at [newpointe.org/daily](http://newpointe.org/daily):

Monday: Matthew 6:33

Tuesday: Proverbs 19:21

Wednesday: Acts 20:24

Thursday: 1 Peter 4:10

Friday: John 17:18

***Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over with others throughout the week.***  
*(Don't forget to bring this paper to your next small group meeting)*