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the bridge is a place where people are inspired to act with a deep sense of purpose to carry out God's will and not in accordance with the traditions of humankind.

We believe that every human being has been intentionally designed by God to live a purposeful life. You discover your identity and purpose through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

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We believe that when a person lives for God's intention, they will experience more than happiness...they will experience an abiding joy that prevails through all things. Rick Warren, the author of *The Purpose Driven Life*, states, "The purpose of your life is far greater than your own personal fulfillment, your peace of mind, or even your happiness. It's far greater than your family, your career,

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or even your wildest dreams and ambitions. If you want to know why you were placed on this planet, you must begin with God. You were born by His purpose and for His purpose.”

Every aspect of our strategy and mission to every activity that is carried out in ministry is aligned with what it means to live a purposeful life. We believe that living for God’s glory is the greatest achievement we can accomplish with our lives.

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Matthew 16:25-26

“For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?”

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Tim Keller

“If you think it is more important for you to find out who you are and fulfill your desires than to obey a higher cause than you will never find out who you are and you will never have your desires fulfilled. That is the catch 22.”

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John 1:35-42

“The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!” When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?” They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you

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John 1:35-42

staying?” “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him,

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John 1:35-42

“We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter).

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Disciple: to subjugate our present desires for the sake of future and higher nobler goals and causes.

A Christian disciple is someone who has said 'all other pursuits are secondary to serve and know Jesus Christ my master is primary'. In its most basic meaning, it means being a student to a Rabbi or teacher.

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Follow Me

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Two areas where we need to follow

- Make Jesus the highest priority

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Two areas where we need to follow

- Make Jesus the highest priority
- Give absolute obedience

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Come and See

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Jesus calls us to be disciples, he calls for us to make him
the highest priority and he calls for obedience,
do you want that?

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Jesus saw the heart of Peter and called it out and said 'on this rock I will build my church'. How often are praying for our children who are going to struggle with the tension of finding purpose in Christ, instead of finding purpose in ourselves.

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Leaders, who are people in your trusted circles that need to hear that God was intentional with their lives?

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