



## No Vacancy

## Part 4 - "Making Room for Purpose"

Small Group Material

December 18th, 2016

Participant Guide

**Bottom Line:** *You end up doing BIG things for God by consistently doing SMALL things well.*

**Study Verses:** *Colossians 3:17, Colossians 3:22-25, 2 Thessalonians 3:11-12, 1 Thessalonians 4:10-12, Proverbs 20:5*

### Key Points

- *God has gifted you. God has placed you right where you are.*
- *Everybody has influence. Everybody is leading somebody somewhere.*
- *As believers, you carry the integrity of His image and the influence of His love wherever you go.*
- *Our motives and definitions of success need to be evaluated.*
- *Your purpose always exists outside of yourself.*
- *Live in a way where your relationship with Christ is honored.*
- *God uses your work as a provision for your life and a platform for influence.*
- *If you don't define success for yourself, everyone else will.*
- *God is far less concerned with WHAT we do and more focused on WHY we do it.*
- *You don't find your purpose by looking for it. You find your purpose by giving yourself to others.*

## ENCOUNTER

- Over the years how have you wrestled with that questions, "Why am I here? What is my purpose?" Where have you gained clarity on the answer?
- Where do you have a tendency to overcomplicate God's will? What has your response been to this pressure?
- Do you believe you have the potential to influence others? Why or why not? How does your answer spur you on or cause you to hesitate to respond?
- What motivates you to get out of bed in the morning? How do you define a successful life? Why is it important to reflect on our motives and definitions of success on a regular basis?

## FORMATION

- Read Colossians 3:17 and Colossians 3:22-25. How do these verses speak to God being far less concerned about WHAT we do and more focused on WHY we do it?
- Read 2 Thessalonians 3:11-12 and 1 Thessalonians 4:10-12. According to these passages, how does what we do provide provision for our life and a platform to influence others?
- Read Proverbs 20:5. How is our purpose found by looking outside of ourselves?

## EXPRESSION

- What are some small steps you can take to begin to unlock God's unique expression for your life?
- What are you doing with the influence you've been given? Would you say you are stewarding your influence well? Why or why not? What makes you answer in the way that you do?
- Your purpose always lies outside of yourself. What opportunities have presented themselves to invest in the lives of others?