



FINE ARTS

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discipleship dimension: bible

DIMENSION OBJECTIVE:

Learn to study and meditate on the Bible and apply it as part of a local church.



Your Purpose Starts Here

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scripture

“The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.”

Isaiah 55:10–11

discover

While working at a department store, I discovered that everything I did had to have a purpose. Okay, maybe that’s a “duh!” moment, but it took me a couple years to realize what that really meant. I worked hard to get a paycheck and an awesome discount, so what other purpose did I need?

But what I came to understand was that they wanted us to have a purpose in being there every single day, in every single task. They wanted us to bring value, and to create a valuable place for others to experience. Why did we go through the clothing sections multiple times a day to refold the clothes, even when we knew someone would come in the next five minutes and mess it all up? Because we wanted the store to look like it had been set up just for the next person walking in—to make them feel noticed and special. Why did everyone get cross-trained on registers in the front? So that we could jump up and help the moment checkout lines started backing up, creating a team atmosphere where we supported each other. Why did we try every possible solution at Guest Services when there was a problem? To make our guests feel seen and heard, so they'd want to come back because they knew we cared.

It all pointed toward creating a purposeful, welcoming atmosphere. Don't do something just to do it—know why you are doing it so you can do it with excellence. This perspective has stuck with me in every area of life, and it has elevated the way I work in any capacity.

develop

This is Isaiah, the prophet, sharing these words from God in the passage above. When it rains or it snows, is there no purpose to it? Of course not—it has a great deal of purpose for our everyday lives. In the same way, God’s words in the Bible are never without purpose. On the contrary, they are full of purpose and will accomplish what He intends. Coach or group leader, share a passage with your group and study it together. You are practicing what it means to be the local church when you gather and study the Bible like this. And just like your dedication to practice is always worth it, your dedication to God’s Word will always be worth it!

deploy

Now go and present your Fine Arts presentations in front of your church family! Whether it’s during youth group and you invite your parents to watch, or it’s part of a youth takeover Sunday morning service, take the time to share your gifts and your application of the Word with your church. Don’t just do it to do it—do it with purpose. Show them that your study and dedication to the Word, and the presentation you worked on, honors God and will go out with purpose and success—just like He promises in His Word!

prayer

Going forward, starting tonight, have one or two team members pray for your group before and after each practice. Pray for the application of God’s Word in your lives. Pray for the building up of your local church (your youth group, your team, or your whole church family). And pray that each of you would grow in your faith with every practice and every moment you give to Him.