



## **Fresh Start - Unified Purpose**

***The world is looking for a place to belong...and that's what we want them to feel when they come to our church.***

***-Bridget Rhoades***

What does “belonging” feel like? How have people made you feel like you did or did not belong?

**Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.**

**-John 14:6 NLT**

Jesus describes himself in terms of the way, like a path, and the Father like a destination. What does that mean?

What is the significance of there being only one way, one truth, and one life that leads to the Father?

You are on a journey and need directions, where are the top 3 places to go? Why? How do you know which resource is right?

Read: Matthew 28:18-20, Matthew 22:36-40

Over the next few weeks we are going to break these verses down as we study LifePoint’s Directions. What sticks out to you as being important in these passages?

How are they connected?

We are here to glorify God and Love as many people to Jesus as we can before we die. Period.

Does our purpose statement reflect these verses? How or how not?

Agree or disagree: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

**Read: Romans 11:36, 1 Corinthians 10:31, Psalm 73:24-26, 1 Timothy 1:17, Ecclesiastes 3:11**

What is your favorite way to give God glory?

2 things cause celebration in Heaven:

1. Presence
2. Repentance

**Read: Psalm 16:11, Psalm 22:3, Matthew 18:20, Hebrews 10:24-25**

What is so special about our praises and gatherings that God would want to be present during them?

How does knowing how God values these times affect the way we enter into them?

**Read: Luke 15:7, Luke 15:10, Romans 2:4**

Imagine your child is lost in the wilderness that is full of rabid wolves. You were unable to find her, the search party was not able to bring her home, and then after everyone else had given up hope you see a stranger holding her hand walking her down the drive way.

What would your reaction be?

How would society respond?

How can we as a church celebrate the repentance of a sinner better than we do now?

The kindness of God is often delivered by the actions of His people. How did God work through people in your life to help you find His grace and forgiveness?

**Read: Matthew 10:42**

What is the greatest reward for serving Jesus?

**Discuss:**

Our primary responsibility is to ensure that we are bringing glory to God through our lives as we use the gifts and talents God has given us and that we constantly submit our time and our talents to Him.

-Tim Challies

Give yourself a grade according to this statement.

What is one thing you can accomplish in 2020 to help you better embrace the call God has on your life?

**How can we pray for each other tonight?**