

Instructions:

Group leaders, take some time before your gathering to look over these questions. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you pick 3-5 questions to discuss that pertain to your group's unique style and needs.



Series: Living on Purpose

Trying to discover the purpose of our lives can lead to a lot of questions. Who am I? Why am I here? What does living with purpose look like? Often, the world is all too ready to give us answers – promising that finding the perfect job or achieving the next milestone will make us happy. But in this series, we will embrace the questions as an invitation to discover what it is that God wants to do with the story of our lives.

Message Description:

This week, in exploring our purpose as followers of Jesus Christ in the United Methodist tradition, we reflect on our Wesleyan roots and how it informs and inspires our mission today. Answering the question, where are you from is important in understanding who we are and what we are called to do? Yes, our families of origin often impact our values and priorities as an adult, but what about our family of faith?

We come from a long line of Wesleyans who, from the beginning of the Methodist movement, have challenged the divide between rich and poor, spoken out against slavery and injustice in all its forms, advocated on behalf of the poor, the sick, and the needy, and attempted to respond to such needs by offering food, clothing, and healthcare. The New Room Chapel in Bristol, England stands today as a reminder and inspiration to these early calls of justice and holiness.

Upon his first visit to Bristol, Wesley notes, “You have plenty of the world’s goods... why do you not share your bread with the hungry? And cover the naked with some clothes?”

Key Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:12-21

Questions based on this week’s teaching:

1. Re-read 1 Corinthians 5:12-21. What do you think it means that Christ has entrusted “to us the message of reconciliation” or that Christ makes “his appeal through us”?
2. How do you perceive us as a church acting as ambassadors for Christ?
3. What did you learn or appreciate about the story of Wesley in Bristol on Sunday?
4. How does knowing more about our Wesleyan roots and heritage inspire you in mission today?
5. If time allows, consider reading about Wesley’s “Political Manifesto” on ways he encouraged Methodists in his time to advocate on behalf of others. How could this inform us as Methodists today?

[Read about it here: <https://www.newroombristol.org.uk/john-wesleys-principles/>]

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If you wonder what your gifts could be, or if it has been a while since you have done an inventory and wonder if they could have changed, take the survey below!

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory/en>

Screenshot and send the results to info@revolutionky.org to share them with your leadership team!!