



BREAKING THE ICE

What is one thing you are looking forward to this summer?

What job(s) have you had in your life that helped you feel like you were serving a purpose?

How did you see a heavenly perspective this last week?

MAIN CONTENT

This week in our “Made New” series, Pastor Kevin talked about our purpose. We all have 2 core desires in life, community and purpose.

1. Talk about a time in your life where you felt like you were living with purpose. What helped you feel like you had purpose? Who was a part of your community at that time?

We all want to feel like we have a purpose in life. We ask, why am I here and what am I doing in order to know what our purpose is. A new city, job, role or even room we enter can bring a new purpose but as followers of Jesus, we all have the same purpose.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

We become reconciled to God and receive new purpose when we follow Jesus.

2. How have you experienced reconciliation with God? How does reconciliation to Him play out in your life?

We all make mistakes and do things we regret in our lives. In order for God to be just, someone had to pay the price for our sin. That's what Jesus did. He paid for our sin and gave us mercy so we would not have to feel the justice of God.

3. Do you want justice for others that have wronged you or do you give mercy towards them?

We are reconciled to God through the death and resurrection of Christ. He doesn't keep account of our sins and wrongs, He wiped them clean. In order to love others well we can't keep a record of others wrongs. Just as Jesus shows us mercy, we should show others mercy when they mess up. This doesn't

mean you can't have boundaries, it just means we should give the same kind of grace and mercy to others that we would want for ourselves.

4. Who is someone in your life that exemplifies the gift of grace and mercy? What can you learn from them to incorporate how to give grace and mercy to others in your life?

We have received the reconciliation of God when we chose to follow Him. Our purpose is to be an ambassador of Jesus to help others receive the same reconciliation from God that we have. No matter where we live, what room we are in or what job we have; if you are a follower of Jesus, you are called to be an ambassador for his love and reconciliation.

5. How can you be an ambassador to show others about the reconciliation of God?

Our actions speak louder than the words we say. When we choose to pray for others, build relationships or even get to know someone's story; we are showing them we love them and care for them. When we build trust through relationships, people will see Christ through us and it allows time for conversations to tell others about Jesus.

6. Who do you know that reflects Jesus through their story and life? How do they reflect Him, what do they do that reflects Him?

The other thing we need to remember about being ambassadors for reconciliation is that we can't let the values of this world distract us. As Christ followers, our values should be reflective of what is in the Bible.

7. What are some Biblical values you try to live out in your life?

Pastor Kevin talked about a reconciling hug he had from a friend. He compared that hug to a hug God gives you when we reconcile with Him. After a tough time or maybe a time we sinned, God is always there to reconcile us back to Him. Once we are reconciled with Him we can live our purpose as believers to tell others about Him so they can be reconciled as well.

CLOSING PRAYER

God, thank you for sending Jesus so that we can be reconciled with you. You showed us the ultimate sign of mercy when sending your Son to die for our sins. Will you help us see where we need to show more mercy and grace in our lives. Will you reveal to us where we have not lived on purpose but have been caught up in the busyness of our own lives? Reveal to us if and which relationships need to be reconciled in our lives. Amen.

ACTION STEP

Pastor Kevin prayed for 3 things at the end of his message this week:

1. Do you need a hug from God and to be reconciled with Him?
2. Have you lost your why and purpose as a follower of Jesus? Caught up in the busyness of life?
3. Is there a relationship in your life that needs to be reconciled?

+ Which one of these resonates with you? Pray and ask God to reveal where you need to redefine your purpose and seek reconciliation with Him or others in your life.

+ Ask God who you can be an ambassador to this week? How can you have a heart for people.