

Purpose Message 11

Perry Duggar June 20, 2021

# Outline

"But God has protected me right up to this present time so l can testify..." Acts 26:22 (NLT)

## A. Introduction (Acts 25:13-26:18)

- B. Pursuing God's purpose results in... (Acts 26:19-32. C/R: Proverbs 19:21; Ephesians 2:10)
  - Receiving God's \_\_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 26:19-23. C/R: Luke 21:17-18; 2 Thessalonians 3:1-3; 2 Timothy 4:18; Hebrews 13:6)

2. Resistance from \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 26:24-28. C/R: Luke 10:16; John 15:18-21; 1 Corinthians 1:18; 1 John 4:6)

3. Reaching \_\_\_\_\_\_ with Good News. (Acts 26:29-32. C/R: Mark 16:15; Acts 20:24; Romans 10:14; 2 Corinthians 5:11,18-20)

Answers: 1. protection 2. people 3. others

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# Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit <u>brookwoodchurch.org/adults</u>.

## **Conversation Starter**

What do you worry about most?

## Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

## **Bible Study and Group Discussion**

#### Read <u>Acts 26:19-28.</u>

- 1. The Apostle Paul clearly understood God's purpose for his life. What do you think of the idea that God has a purpose for *your* life?
- 2. How would you describe God's purpose for your life?
- 3. What sacrifices have you made to carry out God's purpose for your life?
- 4. Describe a time you felt insignificant. What helped you get through that time?
- 5. What resistance did Paul face when telling others about Jesus?
- 6. How did God protect Paul as he fulfilled His purpose?
- 7. How do you think Paul stayed focused and committed to God's plan in the face of so much opposition?

### Read <u>Acts 26:29-32</u>.

8. Why did Paul want everyone to become like him?

- 9. Name one or two ways Jesus has changed your life.
- 10. What steps can you take to become clearer on God's purpose for your life?

## **Spiritual Practice**

A spiritual practice is something we do to interrupt our usual thoughts, feelings and patterns, enabling us to move more deeply into the life of Christ.

Pray and ask God who He wants you to share the Good News about Jesus with. Then reach out to this person and pray for God to open their heart to hear what you have to say.

## **Memory Verse**

"But God has protected me right up to this present time so I can testify to everyone, from the least to the greatest. ..." Acts 26:22 (NLT)

## **Daily Reading**

 Day 1:
 Proverbs 19:20-21
 Day 4:
 2 Corinthians 5:11-20

 Day 2:
 2 Thessalonians 3:1-3
 Day 5:
 Acts 20:24

 Day 3:
 John 15:18-21
 Day 5:
 Acts 20:24

## **Prepare for Next Sunday**

Next Sunday, June 27, we'll conclude our series titled *Church Extended*. To prepare, read <u>Acts 27-28.</u>



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