

GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOU: A DAY IN THE LIFE OF JESUS

MAIN TAKEAWAY

A day in the life of Jesus consisted of authority in the synagogue, compassion in the home, and mercy in the streets. To know Jesus is to know God's purpose: you were created *on* purpose and *for* a purpose.

INTRODUCTION

For a moment, think about your purpose. Why do you exist? Why were you created? How have the answers to these questions changed since you've become a Christian?

Like using a key as a screwdriver, what happens when you live in a way that is not according to God's design? Why do humans make terrible "gods"?

UNDERSTANDING

READ LUKE 4:14-44

***Purpose Brings Opposition* (v.14-30).** Why do you need to have the Spirit of God before you accomplish the purpose of God? How did Jesus start His public ministry (v.18-19)?

Jesus doesn't just bring comfort—He claims authority as the Messiah. How did Jesus respond to opposition, even from the beginning of His ministry?

***Purpose Carries Authority* (v.31-37).** Pastor Jonathan explained, "Opposition and rejection didn't derail Jesus' mission—it redirected it." Nazareth rejected Jesus because of familiarity, but why did Capernaum receive Him (v.32)?

How does opposition confirm that you are on the right track? Instead of a sign to quit, why should you view opposition as a sign to lean in?

Purpose Sends You Forward (v.38-44). Pastor Jonathan said, “If you are living in God’s purpose for your life, you will face opposition, walk in authority, and grow in compassion.” How is this seen in “A Day in the Life of Jesus”?

In what way does God’s purpose move you forward toward people? How is this seen in the actions of Jesus and Simon’s mother-in-law?

How did Jesus continue to move forward with purpose (v.42-44)? In what ways can you imitate His example?

APPLICATION

How do you practically remember that living for God’s purpose is better than your own?

How have you experienced opposition when living for God’s purpose? Also, Pastor Jonathan explained that not all opposition is spiritual warfare. How can you discern the difference between opposition as a means of correction, immaturity, or consequences?

When you live for God’s purpose, life finally makes sense. How are you continuing to move forward with purpose by living under the authority of God’s Word and by having compassion and mercy for others?

PRAYER

Thank Jesus for His authority, compassion, and mercy. Rejoice that God created you on purpose and for a purpose. Pray that you will live for God’s Kingdom and purposes, not your own.

