

I Was Made For This: Part 1- I Was Made To Discover
Matthew 22:36-40 and Matthew 13:44-46

I. ME

- A. Welcome/Online/So what about...?
- B. Me bad at tools- Pics
- C. Kids on instruments?
- D. When a skilled worker or musician uses a tool or instrument for what it's designed for it's amazing
 - 1. Hospitals/Schools built
 - 2. Music
- E. But when not... disaster!
- F. So how do you know what something is made to do... its purpose?
 - 1. Look at how it was designed.
- G. Design reveals purpose.
 - 1. Cars... race cars, trucks, minivans
 - 2. Tools... hammer, screwdriver, saw

II. WE

- A. What about us? Why are we here? What is our purpose?
 - 1. Survive?
 - 2. Reproduce?
 - 3. Money/Success/Entertainment?
- B. If we don't know our purpose... what we were made for... it leads to disaster...
 - 1. Made for entertainment/just be as comfortable as possible... DEBT/Boredom/Depression
 - 2. Made to satisfy our cravings (of course we don't say it that way)... health issues, addictions, STDS, broken relationships
 - 3. Made to succeed... stress, health issues, broken families
 - 4. Results of not knowing what you were made for and using your life for purposes you weren't designed for.

- C. Here's what this series is about... we were designed on purpose for a purpose...
 - 1. So if design reveals purpose... we need to see how we were designed in order discover our purpose.
- D. Even if you don't believe in a God... I'm pretty sure you believe that there is a healthy way to live and unhealthy ways to live... our true design and purpose is the healthiest way to live.
- E. So either way... let's see what Jesus one of the most respected teachers and thinkers (we believe he was more than that) in history had to say...
- F. Maybe we can all ask this question... If there's a God what did he make us for?
- G. Here's what Jesus said...

III. GOD (Mathew 22:36-40)

A. Matthew 22:36

- 1. Commandment= Instructions= user's manual= what you were created to do. How you work best.
- 2. Other people try to tell us all the time... rules/expectations/opinions
- 3. What does the Designer say?

B. Matthew 22:37-39

- 1. The answer... we were designed to be in loving relationships.
- 2. First and foremost.... A relationship with God.
- 3. It's our Primary purpose- Hammer, Race Car, Shovel

C. Matthew 22:40

- 1. Greatest b/c it sums up every other instruction... it's the whole point behind everything else.
- D. So what does that relationship really look like?
 - 1. Jesus gives a perfect picture...

E. Matthew 13:44-46

1. Two ways to look at it. Both are valid and helpful. 2 sides of same coin
2. **Kingdom of Heaven**... Spiritual rule of God over hearts and minds of people... Being in a perfect relationship with Him.
 - a. Living as originally designed... healthiest way to think about world.

3. Matthew 13:44-46

4. **#1**- Relationship with Jesus is the treasure and we are the men.
 - a. This relationship is the most important part of our design.
 - b. Getting this right allows us to get everything else right.
 - c. It's worth giving up everything else
 - d. Brings joy, contentment, peace
 - e. Why? B/c of the other way to look at this...
5. **#2**- We are the treasure and God is the men.
 - a. **Read again.**
 - b. **Our purpose is to love and be loved by God.**
 - c. **Gospel**
 - 1) God created us to be in a perfect relationship with him
 - 2) We broke that relationship by going against our original design and breaking the **Law of Love**... and so we forgot our purpose...
 - 3) And now we try to find our purpose outside of our original design... money, selfish relationships, success, addictions.

- 4) It only leads to more pain and more broken relationships
- 5) God loved us so much that he gave up everything (became a human and died on a cross) to save us and restore our relationship with him... to show us what we were truly made for.
- 6) Offers it to restore it for free. If we just choose to accept his forgiveness and new life through faith.
- 7) And once you get your relationship with Him right... He empowers you to restore and deepen your relationships with others.

d. Seeing yourself and others through God's eyes allows you to love with his love.

IV. YOU

- A. This is why we created Crosscreek... to lead people into a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ...
 1. First step is **Discovering God's Love- Graphic**
- B. That's why we created this service the way we did...
- C. So we can help people discover God's original design for them... to love and be loved.
- D. And then help people discover what that looks like in everyday life.
 1. **Obi-Wan to Luke**
 - a. Tells Luke about the force... and then shows him what it's like and how to interact with it.
 - b. We want to be the Obi-Wan to your Luke
- E. **Have you discovered God's love for you yet?**
 1. Reclaimed your original purpose?
 2. **You can do that today...**

- F. If you have... **are you living that purpose out to its fullest?**
1. It's your story... we want to help make it the best/fullest/satisfying/exciting story it can be
 2. Keep coming on Sundays... regularly (Don't miss an episode)
 3. We look at the Bible and what it says about the relationship between God and us... what does it really look like to love and be loved in our real, everyday lives?... The purpose of the whole thing in the first place.
 4. It's much better live... full attention
 5. And Invite others to discover this love and purpose too.
 6. B/C...

V. WE

A. When you discover God's love you discover your purpose.

- B. Your purpose isn't about things that always just seem out of reach... success, comfort, image
- C. A fulfilling life is operating how you were designed... simply loving and being loved.
- D. When you accept that purpose a whole new world opens up... one where you have peace and joy and contentment...
- E. Where relationships grow stronger and love becomes selfless...
- F. Where everyday you can wake up and say...
- G. I was made for this.