

I Was Made For This: Part 4- Share  
1 Peter 2:9-10

**I. ME**

- A. Welcome/Online/So What About...
- B. Series (end of movie)
  - 1. Finding out how we work best... what we were made to do.
  - 2. We were made on purpose for a purpose
  - 3. Made to love and be loved by God
  - 4. Made to know and be known by others
  - 5. Made to embody God's love by contributing to his mission.

**II. WE**

- A. When you know and do what you were designed to do... **you** find fulfillment... we all agree...
    - 1. But what if it's bigger than that...
    - 2. What if our purpose isn't just about **OUR** life being fulfilled but is about accomplishing something bigger than we could ever imagine or do on our own?
    - 3. What if we were made for more than just our own lives...
    - 4. What if we were made to fulfill a bigger purpose together?
  - 5. **A shared purpose multiplies your effectiveness.**
    - a. Football team, military, actors/crew
    - b. They see their purpose as bigger than themselves and are willing to do their part for the good of the whole.
    - c. B/c....
  - 6. **A shared purpose unifies and inspires**
    - a. 9/11
    - b. Emancipation Proclamation
- B. So what about the Church?
- C. What if we all had one purpose we were all striving for, united and working for the same cause?
- 1. What if we could multiply our effectiveness?

D. So we have to find our shared purpose... What were **WE** made for?

E. Not a Jesus Follower- Why we exist... what we are actually trying to do.

- 1. Not get you to follow our rules/rituals or get the government to be more Xian...
- 2. Offer hope and love.

**III. GOD (1 Peter 2:9-10)**

**A. Peter Background**

- 1. Coward turned leader b/c Risen Jesus gave him a purpose.
- 2. Writing to church losing their identity b/c of persecution... reminding them of who they are and what they were made for.
- 3. Identity and Purpose

**B. V. 9a** (end at "possession")

- 1. But **YOU**- you's are usually plural (Ya'll). Every Jesus Follower
- 2. **ARE**- current identity... if you are a Jesus Follower whether it's been for 20 years or 20 minutes this is what you are a part of...
- 3. A chosen people/royal priesthood/holy nation/God's special possession...- From the beginning of time God purposely chose to create you and save you... and make you his child... part of His forever family.
  - a. Status- child of king- royalty.

**4. The Church is a royal family created for a purpose.**

- 5. Let's look at the weird one more in depth
  - 1) When reading Bible and there's a weird thing... means it's the part to dig into...

## C. Royal Priesthood

### 1. Privilege of Priests-

- a. In Jewish world, to be a priest you had to be born into a certain family (tribe) Levites.
- b. The priests were the people with access to God
- c. You want to communicate with God? Go through a Levite priest.
- d. Peter is saying that now every Jesus-Follower has this access to our Heavenly Father
- e. There is no in-between holy person
- f. **If you are a child of God you have direct access to Him...** with confidence...
  - 1) **Example-** Calling dad for pasta maker.

### 2. Role of Priests

- a. Offer sacrifices for the people
- b. Pray for the people
- c. Tell the people about him... who he is and what he is like... what he had done for them.
- d. Basically to show the people who God is.
- e. Peter is saying that WE now have that responsibility...

## D. **V. 9b** (That you may declare...)

1. He created this family/nation of royal priests for a specific purpose...

## E. **We were made to Share God's Love.**

1. Our purpose is to SHARE. To tell people how much God loves them... and what he has done for them... **by telling them about Jesus...**
2. To offer the love and light and transformation of Jesus at home/work/in-laws
3. Share how he transformed spiritually dead/isolated people into a loving eternal family.

## F. What exactly do we share?

1. That sounds hard
2. "I don't know all the answers..."
3. "What if...?"
4. Doesn't have to be all the scientific proof for the flood
5. Archeology of OT?
6. Fulfilled Prophecy?
7. **Motto: It's not that complicated**

## G. **V. 10**

### 1. **We share what Jesus did**

#### a. **1 Cor 15:1-7**

### 2. **We share what we've experienced**

#### a. **1 Cor. 15:8-11**

- b. You have been changed... He made you new... he has and continues to transform you.
- c. Of course if there's no change you might want to look into that...
- d. You have been forgiven... shown mercy.
- e. What has he done for you? (fear of death?)
- f. How did he pursue you?

### 3. **If you've experienced it you can share it.**

- a. **Examples-** First date/Birth of Child/ Hilarious adventure... Rhodan And Fields
- b. You've experienced it... so you can share it... same with Jesus

#### IV. YOU

- A. Still might seem intimidating.
- B. Not alone--- In fact 95% of Jesus-Followers have never led anyone to Jesus. Why? Watch this... (SYF Video)
- C. Can you relate? Of course we all can.
  - 1. But we want to help
  - 2. What if you knew what to say, weren't intimidated to share at the right time, and knew you could be effective?
  - 3. Wouldn't that make you more free and confident to share?

#### D. SHARE SLIDE

- E. It's time to fulfill our shared purpose as the people of God.
- F. This world/city/neighborhood needs transformation
  - 1. Laws aren't going to do it
  - 2. Politicians and judges aren't going to do it
- G. What **WILL** do it...
  - 1. Neighbors loving each other as themselves- Forgiving each other
  - 2. Bearing one another's burdens
  - 3. Loving (choosing to do what's in the best interest of) their enemies
  - 4. Transformed hearts.
  - 5. The only thing that can truly transform a heart is a relationship with Jesus.
- H. "Love your neighbor as yourself"- If you are a Jesus follower what are you most thankful for?
  - 1. Your eternal relationship with your heavenly Father right?
  - 2. How can we love our neighbors as ourselves if we aren't sharing the most important thing with them?

- I. **Our mission is to lead people into a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ...** we do this by sharing Jesus with them
  - 1. Not just me preaching.
  - 2. Matt- "But Jon, I am doing this full-time"
  - 3. When we work toward the same purpose we multiply our effectiveness.
- J. We want to give you the tools and the confidence to easily share what God has done for you.
  - 1. We want to fulfill our shared purpose as the people of God.
  - 2. On **Oct 20<sup>th</sup>** we will be hosting a SYF Workshop.
  - 3. **Sign up today/Online**

#### V. WE

- A. Imagine if our goal wasn't just to make our own lives better...
- B. If our goal wasn't just to have a cool church that we like to go too...
- C. But if we accepted our purpose and worked for the shared goal of transforming the lives of those around us with the love of Jesus?
- D. If we were equipped and confident... not to stand on a corner and preach (yell) at people...
- E. But confident that when we sense someone needing the love and hope of Jesus we would know what to say and how to say it?
- F. We would fulfill our purpose as the chosen-special possession of God
- G. And our city/neighborhoods/families would never be the same.

**H. When you share God's love you fulfill your purpose and lives are transformed.**