Lifegroup Study – 23rd April 2018

**Matthew 9 – Living on Purpose**

**INTRODUCTION**

We often go through life looking for the specific plan God might have for us that we can follow and stick to. However, we when change this perspective to living life with purpose we find the freedom to follow Jesus and be more like Him in everyday life. Simply put, our purpose in life is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. 1 Corinthian’s 10:31 says **“***Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”* This means even the most ordinary things we do (e.g. washing dishes, changing nappies, working at a computer) can become significant when we understand how it serves God’s purpose in loving and discipling others (e.g. hospitality, nurturing a child of God, encouraging colleagues). Wherever we go, people are touched with the power of Jesus because His Holy Spirit is alive and active in us.

**KEY POINTS**

1. Jesus was interruptible
2. Jesus was willing to answer people’s needs
3. Jesus was sensitive to the work of the Holy Spirit
4. Jesus got rid of the stuff that was unnecessary

**KEY SCRIPTURES**

**READ Matthew 9:18-25**

**18**While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, “My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live.” **19**Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

**20**Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. **21**She said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.”

**22**Jesus turned and saw her. “Take heart, daughter,” he said, “your faith has healed you.” And the woman was healed at that moment.

**23**When Jesus entered the synagogue leader’s house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, **24**he said, “Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep.” But they laughed at him. **25**After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up.**26**News of this spread through all that region.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. If you heard the sermon, was there anything God spoke to you about personally from this message?
2. Within this passage, what insights into God’s character do you find?
3. What do these passages teach us about God’s purposes for his people?
4. What Christ-like character or behaviour does this passage suggest we are to have that brings God glory?
5. What do you think this means for you personally?
6. **James 1:22** says “*Don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves*.” What is the next step you need to take in response to God’s word? (i.e. obedience)

**PRAYER POINTS**

* For each individual to have a personal revelation of what these scriptures mean for them.
* For us to glorify God in all that we do
* For us to

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Keep Your Love On**: A relational intelligence course | Thursdays, 7pm, Apr 26 - May 10, $5. Contact Pete Franklin 027 6366244

**School of Supernatural:** Training Day | Saturday 19th May, 9:30am – 1pm. Contact reception to register.