



“What’s Missing?: Part 1 - Purpose”



Prayer



Getting Started

Announcements:

- **MontroseYou:** Our classes are taught in a casual, friendly atmosphere with you in mind. Choose from a variety of classes that meet your needs. Not sure where to start? Check out our Core Classes for a great introduction, or take the next step with a more in-depth class. classes@montrosechurch.org
- **Grow 206: Financial Peace University - Thursdays, February 2-May 3, 7-8:30 p.m.:** Financial peace is about taking control of your finances through a right relationship with Jesus and through spending, saving and giving habits. This class goes through Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University to help you learn how to eliminate debt, create a budget and build wealth. Childcare is provided. More: classes@montrosechurch.org

Prayer Focus:

- Seeking God’s purpose for our church in 2012

Starter Question

- What was your best New Year’s moment ever?



Discovering Truth

Luke

- From the beginning of Advent until Easter our church will have spent over 20 weeks in the Gospel of Luke.
- Luke is the only Gentile writer in the New Testament. He is very sensitive to sharing that the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a gospel that will change the world. It is a gospel that erases the distinctions between races and economic realities. It is the great unifying truth of all humankind. It is the greater purpose for which we were created and the new context through which we see the world. No person can dare to honestly read Luke’s

account of Jesus Christ without getting the message that racism and prejudice are put to death in the person of Jesus Christ.

- What do you know about the Gospel of Luke?

The Ten Lepers

• Read Luke 17:11-19

- Luke has created a message about the destiny of Jesus and the purpose for which He was created. It is a message of reconciliation and hope, of wholeness and health, and it is a message that means something to the world in which we live.
- As Luke portrays the ultimate purposes of Jesus he places the emphasis on the teachings of Jesus, not His miracles. He places the focus on what Jesus has to teach us and even more specifically what He has to teach His disciples, that's us! What does it mean to you to be a disciple of Jesus?

Purpose On The Way

- Jesus was on the way to His purpose and destiny in God because Jesus believed that God had a purpose for Him. He was not a random person, just trying to get through life for himself. He was the son of God called to a cosmic destiny. He was God's chosen vessel through which He was to accomplish God's will in this broken world.
- What do you think was Jesus' destiny and purpose?
- We too have a calling on our lives, to be an agent of reconciliation in the world and to have a greater purpose for which are to live. We too will find healing on the way...but we have to be going somewhere to be on the way.
- What do you believe God has purposed you to accomplish in this world?



Building Community

- Finding purpose means allowing others to be apart of your life. How can you invite those in your LifeGroup to support the purpose God has for you? i.e, prayer, support, accountability, encouragement, etc.



Next Steps

- Pray about what you believe your purpose might be and journal or tell a friend so that you can be reminded of this purpose.



Prayer Requests & Prayer



Scripture from the Sermon

- **Luke 17:11-19** - “Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”