

PATHWAY PURPOSE



Love God

Love People

Make a Difference



OUTLINE + CONTENT

Pathway To Purpose is the spiritual growth course for new believers and new members to establish the right foundation for the abundant life, freedom and purpose here at One City!

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MISSION:

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WELCOME

VALUES

WE ARE GENEROUS

We believe in **contagious generosity** which means we give our time, talent and treasure while influencing others to do the same. (2 Corinthians 9:6, Acts 2:45, Acts 20:35)

WE ARE FAITHFUL

We believe in **courageous faith** which means we believe God and expect Him to move in our gatherings and in our lives. (Psalm 27:14, Matthew 9:29, Romans 4:20-21)

WE ARE PRAYERFUL

We believe in **constant prayer** which means we pray early, often and about everything (Luke 18:1, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

WE ARE EXCELLENT

We believe in **consistent excellence** which means we make a habit of giving God and his people our best. (Colossians 3:23-24)

WE ARE ONE

We believe in being **consciously united** which means we understand that when we come together, things come together. (John 17:21-23)

SYSTEMS + RHYTHMS

These are the things that we do regularly as a church to move people closer to God and each other.

EXPLOSIVE GATHERINGS

Gatherings at One City are engineered to bring people closer to God. We go above and beyond to create environments and services that are inviting and powerful.

INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY

We believe that God created us for community. In fact, it is hard to be your best-self, by-yourself. So we embrace growing in God by doing life together.

PASSIONATE SERVICE

We are most like Christ when we serve others and the world around us gets a glimpse of Christ through us. Simply put when we serve others it is for their good, our growth and most importantly God's glory.

The greatest day of your life is the day you find out why you were born.

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SESSION ONE: LOVE GOD

WE LOVE GOD BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US

When you were born you were given a name and eventually you were given a birth certificate and other documentation to mark your birth and your identity.

Well when you give your life to Christ scripture says you are, "born again" and that rebirth also comes with a new identity. You are now a son or daughter of a God.

This new identity is proved by a certificate or an identification number – no it is based in and founded upon God's love for you.

His perfect love is the basis of your new identity as a believer.

In fact, **John 3:16 NIV** says – **16** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

This is not a cheap love, it is a costly love. It cost God the life of his son Jesus, whom God allowed to die for our sins so that we could be sons and daughters free to live a new life.

During this course we will learn about this gift of new life and what we are supposed to do with it.

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LOVING GOD LEADS US INTO LIFE CHANGE

John 10:10 (NIV) 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.

Jesus is making a distinction between existing and living. Just because someone is existing doesn't mean that they're living.

Are you experiencing life the way God intended for you to live as described in John 10:10?

The reality of life is that there are only three ways to live: sinking, surviving, or thriving. Jesus saves us from a life of sinking and surviving so that we can experience a new life with the power to thrive.

We believe experiencing the abundant life requires that we don't just allow Jesus to save us, but to us *lead us*.

We created an exercise called God's Purpose System that will help you discover and experience life to the full as Jesus promised in John 10:10.

On the next page please take a moment to complete the GPS exercise.

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SINKING, SURVIVING OR THRIVING

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| 3. Relationships | <input type="checkbox"/> Sinking | <input type="checkbox"/> Surviving | <input type="checkbox"/> Thriving |
| 4. Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Sinking | <input type="checkbox"/> Surviving | <input type="checkbox"/> Thriving |
| 5. Character | <input type="checkbox"/> Sinking | <input type="checkbox"/> Surviving | <input type="checkbox"/> Thriving |
| 6. Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Sinking | <input type="checkbox"/> Surviving | <input type="checkbox"/> Thriving |

THINK IT OVER

Take a moment and think over the answers that you selected and in the space provided below take notes about any of the things that you may have learned about yourself.

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SALVATION

This life begins with salvation.

- Salvation gives us the **CAPACITY** to live life as God intended.

Salvation means to be:

- Rescued, Delivered, and Recovered

Why do we need to be rescued, delivered, etc.? Because

- God's way is not just right, it's best!

Romans 10:9 (NIV)

9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

This scripture teaches us that salvation requires our heart and mouth to agree that we need a relationship with God. We must then declare specifically that Jesus is Lord, because for God to save your life He has to lead it.

- Salvation is not a destination, it's a **door** to a new life under new management.

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SAVED FROM SIN

We are saved from:

- **The Problem of Sin** – Impulses that are self-destructive.

This means that even though we have them, they no longer have us. We now have the power to resist this flawed nature.

- **The Penalty of Sin** – distance between us and God.

Isaiah 59:2 (NIV) 2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

Our sins don't change our relationship with God, but they do affect our fellowship with Him. Distance now and eternally has been rectified by Jesus.

- **The Power of Sin** – God's Spirit in the believer enables us to no longer be dominated or controlled by the habits and behavior patterns that controlled and dominated us previously.

We are no longer slaves to sin, because Jesus has rescued, delivered, and recovered us from that.

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SAVED FOR GOD'S PROMISES

Salvation has a benefits package! Do you know what benefits you receive with your salvation?

John 10:28-29 (NIV)

28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. **29** My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

We are saved for the Purpose of God. The purpose of God is twofold:

- **Function** – involves us discovering what we're supposed to do.
- **Family** – involves who we become, and who we become is impacted by who we're around.

We are not just saved for function, but we're also saved for family. The word the bible uses in the New Testament for spiritual family is church. One City Church is the spiritual family that God wants to connect you with to become all that He's created you to be.

Without spiritual growth there are some promises we cannot experience. In this next section let's learn how we are supposed to grow within our spiritual family.

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SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

Without spiritual growth there are some blessings, promises, and opportunities we cannot experience.

Galatians 4:1 (NIV)

1 What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate.

Galatians 4 is teaching us that – if you can't grow, you can't go to the next level.

The Bible gives us the way in which we must grow.

- Physical growth happens **automatically**.
- Spiritual growth requires **intentionally**.

As believers God has designed the church to be a place where we can all grow in our spiritual discipline. It should mirror the practices and progress of Christ's *disciples*.

In the next section you will find four categories of Spiritual Disciplines and a brief teaching on each. Please take time to review and implement these into your daily life.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: **COMMUNITY**

DON'T DO LIFE ALONE

Purpose doesn't require us to be perfect, but it does require us to be free. True freedom is cultivated in the context of accountability, intimacy, and transparency or in other words... Family!

Proverbs 13:20 (NLT)

20 Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.

At One City we believe in INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY. This means that we value doing life together and see it as the way we grow to become more and more like Christ.

One City will provide and encourage all members to be a part of a group, which fall in three categories:

- Serve Groups, Social Groups + Study Groups
- A place to **CONNECT**.
 - 1 Corinthians 9:22 (LB)
- A place to **PROTECT**.
 - 1 John 3:16 (NLT)
- A place to **GROW**.
 - Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: PRAYER

TALKING TO GOD

Tony Evans once said, “Prayer is mental or oral communication with God the Father, offered in the name of Jesus the Son, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit.

- prayer sharpens our faith
- prayer creates deeper intimacy with God
- prayer is powerful and brings about change

4 Keys to Praying Effectively

- **Pray Sincerely**
 - The purpose of prayer is to reach the ear of the Father, not to impress Him.
- **Pray Simply**
 - The strength is not in the length of your prayers.
- **Pray Consistently**
 - Nothing grows or works properly without consistency.
- **Pray Persistently.**
 - This is the ability and willingness to pray in the face of opposition

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: PRAYER

Luke 11:8 (NIV)

8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

Core Value: We Are Prayerful

We believe in ***constant prayer*** which means we pray early, often and about everything (Luke 18:1, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

The A.C.T.S. Prayer Model

- Adoration
 - adore who God is to you.
- Confession
 - confess your sins and how you feel.
- Thanksgiving
 - thank God for your past, present, and future.
- Supplication
 - ask God to supply whatever you need.

If you find yourself struggling in your prayer life, implement some of these rhythms as a way to get on or stay on track.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: WORSHIP

EXPRESSING GOD'S WORTH

John 4:23-24 (NIV) 23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. **24** God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

Worship is how we express God's worth and we believe that we were created to worship God.

We worship God with our:

Attendance

- The bible reminds us of the importance of gathering together in Hebrews 10:24-25

Attitude

- It is possible to be in a place physically, but not mentally or emotionally. When we come before God, we must honor Him with our full attention.

Actions

- The Bible provides us with multiple ways to worship God and while won't won't all do the same thing, but we should all do something.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: STUDYING SCRIPTURE

THE WORD OF GOD

Reading God's Word is important for receiving basic instructions before leaving earth. The Bible reveals God's plans and promises to His people and is filled with proven principles that lead us to our best life.

Joshua 1:8 (NIV) 8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Just like natural food is important to the natural body, spiritual food is important to the spiritual body.

Eat according to your **APPETITE**

- Study scripture to learn more about what you're hungry for God to do in your life.

Eat according to your **AILMENTS**

- Study scripture to strengthen where you're struggling in any area of your life.

Eat according to your **ASSIGNMENT**

- Study scripture to increase in wisdom and wealth personally and professionally.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: STUDYING SCRIPTURE

WAYS TO STUDY GOD'S WORD

Finding a good place to start reading the bible would be:

- The Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John)
- Proverbs
- Ecclesiastes

SOAP Study Method

Scripture - you physically write out the scripture.....you'll be amazed that what God will reveal to you just by taking the time to slow down and actually write out what you are reading!

Observation - what do you see in the verses that you're reading? Who is the audience? Is there a repetition of words? What words stand out to you?

Application - this is when God's Word becomes personal. What is God saying to me today? How can I apply what I just read to my own personal life? What changes do I need to make? Is there an action that I need to take?

Prayer - Pray God's Word back to Him. If He has revealed something to you during this time in His Word, pray about it. Confess if He has revealed some sin that is in your life.

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FREE INDEED

An essential part of the ministry of Jesus, is the ministry of liberation.

- **John 8:36 (NIV) 36** So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

EMOTIONAL FREEDOM

It's one thing to have emotions, but it's another thing for our emotions to have us. Our feelings should be indicators, not dictators. It is important that we are not controlled by our emotions and pursue emotional freedom.

- **Emotional Freedom** comes from Inner Healing.

Psalm 147:3 (NIV) 3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

- Every person may not have a broken heart, but we're all brokenhearted.

Meaning that all of hearts have **imperfections, injuries, or issues** that we need God to heal and make whole. There are areas of our inner life we need God to heal and just because it isn't hurting, doesn't mean it isn't broken.

EMOTIONAL FREEDOM

EMOTIONAL FREEDOM EXPLORED

Jeremiah 17:9 (NIV) 9 “The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?”

In other words, our heart is deceitful; so, our heart can be broken without us even knowing it is broken. When we go through traumatic experiences, or when we don't get the love/support we need (particularly in our childhood years), a scab forms on our hearts. The Bible calls it a *heart of stones*.

- There is some **Badness** that comes from **Brokenness**.
- Some badness doesn't get fixed until some brokenness gets healed.

Hebrews 12:15 (NIV) 15 See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

- The heart is arguably the greatest blind spot in most believer's life, with many of us not knowing that some of our **hang-ups** are connected to our **heart healing**.

EMOTIONAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

WHAT NEEDS WERE NOT MEET?

There are 10 needs that every human being needs, failure to receive them will cause an emptiness in your soul; a longing for another to fulfill what you did not receive.

As you can see, each need has its own internal measuring glass. When that emotional need is met, the glass is full. When the need is not met, the glass is empty.











It is when the glass is empty that the enemy comes along and fills it with lies, which must be dealt with for complete healing.

With each glass, take a pen and fill in each glass according to the level of your met need. If you received a lot of respect as a child, fill that glass to the top. If you only received a little respect, fill only a little of the glass. Do the same for the other glasses.

EMOTIONAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

TEN EMOTIONAL NEEDS



Needs	Internal Measuring Glass	Needs	Internal Measuring Glass
Acceptance		Respect	
Affirmation		Security	
Affection		Support	
Appreciation		Attention	
Encouragement		Comfort	

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FORGIVENESS

A key to inner healing is **forgiveness**.

This is the only way to stop the person who hurt you from continuing to hurt you, because forgiveness is the gift that you give to yourself!

Let's explore forgiveness together.

WALKING IN FORGIVENESS

WHAT IS FORGIVENESS

Here is what forgiveness is not:

- Forgiveness does NOT mean you excuse the behavior of the person.
- Forgiveness does NOT mean you have to reconcile the relationship.
- Forgiveness does NOT mean that you allow someone to continue in dysfunctional behavior.
- Forgiveness does NOT mean that you live without boundaries.
- Forgiveness does NOT mean to forget.

Forgiveness means to **PARDON**.

- Because God has forgiven me, I'm going to forgive others.

It is important to know that the person who hurt you can't heal you. Therefore we must release them (write off as bad debt) what they did so God can heal you from the hurt you experienced for their offense.

WALKING IN FORGIVENESS

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT FORGIVENESS

Forgiving others is an important part of the healing process. When someone's actions have hurt us, we release them to God through forgiveness.

Let's read a few scriptures together on forgiveness and discuss them:

- **Ephesians 4:32 (NIV) 32** Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
- **Matthew 6:12 (NIV) 12** And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
- **Colossians 3:13 (NIV) 13** Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.
- **Luke 6:37 (NIV) 37** "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

WALKING IN FORGIVENESS

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

As you read these verses we provided about forgiveness, answer the question honestly: **Who do I need to forgive?** Write their initials below and write down what you need to forgive them for.

Initials of the person	I forgive you for... (complete in the boxes below)

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

KEYS TO KINGDOM MANAGEMENT

Matthew 25:21 NIV 21 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

FINANCIAL FREEDOM

Jesus teaches us to view our resources VERTICALLY.

- Why? Because our perception manages our performance.

Luke 16:11 11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?

- When we realize that there are things that matter more than money, we won’t put MONEY before those things.
- To view money vertically also means to see money as a resource and not as the SOURCE.

We must see ourselves as a **STEWARD** and not an **OWNER** of our money. Whatever we have, God gave it to us.

- Not only must we manage money vertically, but we must also manage money **WISELY**.

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

KEYS TO KINGDOM MANAGEMENT

Matthew 25:26-28 NIV 26 “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? **27** Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. **28** “So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags.

Wise management helps us move from serving money to money serving us.

Here are 3 practical kingdom keys to Money Management:

- Establish and live with a budget.
- Minimize debt.
- Save and invest.

Proverbs 22:7 (NIV) 7 The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender.

Proverbs 6:6-8 (NIV) 6 Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! **7** It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, **8** yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

HOW + WHY WE GIVE

One of our core values is: **We Are Generous**

TITHING

The word tithe means TENTH. The tithe is the heart test. Tithing is a universal principle that we see all throughout scripture.

What is the Tithe?

The word tithe means tenth. God desires that the believer set aside the first tenth of his or her income for Him. (Malachi 3:6-12, Leviticus 27:30, Matthew 23:23)

The Reasons we Tithe?

- We Tithe because it reveals our heart. Matthew 6:19-24
- We Tithe because it gives God honor. Proverbs 3:1-2, 9
- We Tithe because it accelerates the vision of One City

Where do we Tithe?

You are to tithe at the storehouse or the local church that you are connected to and that feeds you, spiritually, every week.

What is the Offering?

The offering is a gift that is Over And Above the tithe. The offering is an above and beyond gift (Malachi 3:8).

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

GIVING IS BIBLICAL

Abel Committed It

And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, Genesis 4:4 NIV

Abraham Commenced It

And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand.” Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything. Genesis 14:20 NIV

Jacob Continued It

and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God’s house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth.” Genesis 28:22 NIV

Moses Commanded It

Every tithe of the herd and flock—every tenth animal that passes under the shepherd’s rod—will be holy to the Lord. Leviticus 27:32 NIV

Malachi Confirmed It

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. Malachi 3:10 NIV

Jesus Commended It

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. Matthew 23:23 NIV

90-DAY GOD FIRST CHALLENGE

God Will Receive the First Day Of Every Week.

Sunday is the Lord's day. It's the day in which we worship him for allowing us to experience another week. We can't expect him to bless the week if we don't give him the first. Some people skip worship to have a great Sunday not realizing that it's better to have half a Sunday and a great week, than to have a whole Sunday and a horrible week.

God Will Receive the First Minutes Of Every Day.

Even if we don't engage in lengthy devotions, the first person we should speak to and engage with when we wake up is God. We can't expect him to bless the day if we don't give him the first of it.

God Will Receive the First Of All Our Increase.

Tithing seems to be misunderstood as dues to be paid as opposed to an expression of God being first. Tithing doesn't mean God is first, God being first means you tithe! Whenever we experience increase we should ensure that the first goes to God.

God is emphatically clear! He wants to be first and when he is, our life is blessed. The God first lifestyle is the Kingdom lifestyle! If you would like to start the 90-Day God First Challenge, we ask that you make the commitment below.

Date: _____

Sign: _____

SESSION THREE

MAKE A

DIFFERENCE



ASK ME ANYTHING!

ASK ME ANYTHING!

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SESSION THREE: MAKE A DIFFERENCE

It is our hope is that you take a step towards understanding how your uniquely designed personality, coupled with the spiritual gifts God has given you, help reveal a fulfilling pathway to purpose for you. Proverbs 25:2 says it is God's privilege to conceal things and our privilege to discover them. Together, let's discover all that God has planned for our generation and make a positive difference for the Kingdom.

- For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
Jeremiah 29:11
- For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.
Ephesians 2:10

THE GOAL OF THIS CLASS:

To discover how my **DESIGN** helps to reveal my **DESTINY**.

To discover the amazing **POTENTIAL** of my life.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and **greater works than these he will do**; because I go to the Father." John 14:12 (NASB)

Purpose is the compilation of the reasons for the creation or existence of a thing. Sadly, most people incorrectly assume that their purpose is a thing erroneously attaching their identity to a thing.

- Not realizing that God did not just create us for a reason, but for **Reasons**.
- Many of us think about purpose in the spiritual area, but God has called us to do purpose in **every area** of our lives.

Remember: You are a **human being** not a **human doing**.

SESSION THREE: MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Purpose is twofold:

Universal Purpose – There are parts of our purpose as a believer that we all share. This is the responsibilities that God has given to every believer.

Unique Purpose – This is where we make unique contributions to the world utilizing the spiritual gifts, talents, and acquired skills that God has given us.

Our Unique Purpose include three areas:

- **NATURAL TALENTS** – These are natural abilities that we were born with.
- **ACQUIRED SKILLS** – These are skills you had to learn in order to survive or thrive.
- **SPIRITUAL GIFTS** – These are special abilities that the Holy Spirit distributes to believers so that may carry out God's work.

God wants us to use our spiritual gifts to build His Church and serve the world. If you're ready to Make A Difference below are opportunities to pursue purpose and get involved.

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COMPLETING PATHWAYS**

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