

GOD HAS A PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE.

Most Christians don't purposely walk away from God when they make the transition from college to the workplace; rather, they drift away. We miss the abundant life Jesus promised and simply settle for "good enough". We choose to hold tightly to our wants and desires, our time and treasures, unwilling to release it all to Christ, not realizing by hoarding our lives, we lose it all.

Our good and giving God is raising up a new generation of men and women to follow Him fully. Our desire is that you would tap into the passions Christ Himself has for your life and that you would have extraordinary influence, leaving an enduring impact over the long haul. We truly believe that God has put His hand on your life for "such a time as this".

When dreaming of walking with Christ for a life time and creating long-term influence, the first thing you want to evaluate is whether you are fully surrendered to the Lord. Since few New Years' resolutions last into February, we need to be honest and intentional. First, are you fully surrendered to Jesus Christ? Have you wrestled with God about your life and future? Are you willing to do anything that the Lord will have you do and go anywhere the Lord will have you go?

Jesus talks about producing fruit that remains in John 15. Think about how you can really live bearing fruit that remains, as a spiritually fruitful person who expresses love for Christ over a lifetime.

We suggest thinking through 5 things that if in place when you graduate can aid in a smoother transition from campus to the "real world". As you think about what you want to be true of your life in 5 years, you also need to think about the immediate steps and decisions you're making today that will allow you to get there. We want to help you do that!

HAVE A KINGDOM IMPACT. BE A SENT ONE.

THE 5 THINGS

THAT ENABLE YOU TO LIVE MISSIONALLY AFTER COLLEGE.

As you prepare to make the transition to the "real world," what would it look like to intentionally have an impact for something that is far bigger than yourself? Jesus calls every believer to not only follow Him wholeheartedly, but in doing so, to be "sent ones" in the world, to have an active part in expanding His Kingdom. You can complement your occupational calling by living out your Kingdom calling.

Look inside for 5 simple things that can help you live missionally and be SENT into God's Kingdom to have a significant impact on your workplace and in your community.

KINGDOM VISION

The movement you were part of on campus helped shape the vision you had for making a kingdom impact. It helped you fulfill God's purpose for your life. Your kingdom vision in the years to come will affect how you use your time at work and away from work. It's the idea of seeing how you fit into God's plan and being part of something bigger than yourself. Looking forward, how will you cultivate this vision?

RESPOND:

- >Who has God called you to be? How has God called you to serve?
- >Where/How do you see yourself fitting into the Great Commission?
- >How has God gifted you to make a difference?
- >Do you have a distinct vision for your industry? Your neighborhood or community?
- >Do you have a core, practical vision that others can believe in?

Without a compelling community, few people can survive for long on their own. Ecc 4 says, "It's better to have a partner than go it alone. Share the work...and if one falls down, the other helps." Who shares your heart in that they, too, are surrendered to Jesus and have a vision for your industry, community or city? Don't just warm the bench Sunday mornings, rather, serve your new church and live missionally with new friends. Gather people to pray and commit to helping each other walk through the upcoming transition to the workplace.

RESPOND:

- >Who do you know from your school, or other schools, that are moving to the city to which you are moving? How can you connect with them and be intentional about living missionally in your next stage of life?
- >Who shares your heart, in that they, too, are surrendered to Jesus?
- >Name three people in your city who you can invite to join you, and help each other live missionally and from settling for the "daily grind" during the transition?
- >When can you pray for and with your team?

PLAN

If you aim at nothing you'll hit it every time. Unless you're a trained chef or just incredibly gifted, most people don't walk into a kitchen and whip up a gourmet meal without a recipe. It doesn't have to be elaborate, but the plan should have simple, doable steps that will help you begin to implement your God-given vision. Having some sort of plan is all about being intentional, and taking steps toward your Kingdom vision.

RESPOND:

- >What are your first three steps to bring about your vision for God's Kingdom in and through your life?
- >Does that plan fit into the Kingdom vision?
- >Do you have friends who share the vision and have an idea of how to get there?

ONGOING EQUIPPING

Just as teachers, pilots, and doctors need continuing education, so you will need ongoing equipping in order to make your best contribution to the Kingdom. Resources and ideas are available that will help you in your journey of walking with God and serving Him for a lifetime.

RESPOND:

- >Are there older believers who share a similar vision or have been down the same road?
- >Who can speak into both your vision and plan periodically?
- >What areas of my life do I need to develop to help fulfill who God has called me to be and how He has called me to serve?

COACH

Proverbs stresses the importance of gaining wisdom from others. We can never underestimate the blessing of another who has gone before us and learned a thing or two along the way. A coach is just that person: someone to answer your questions, help you and your "team" when you are stuck, or encourage you when the going gets tough. If there is someone already out there doing what you have a vision for... Can you learn from them, or even join them?

RESPOND:

- >Is there someone already out there doing what you have a vision for?
- >How can you learn from them or even join them?
- >Is there a church or full-time ministry with whom you can volunteer, that could specifically help you accomplish the Kingdom vision God has given you?
- >Is there someone who can mentor you and help you accomplish your vision?