

Discussion Guide

Stronger Wk2

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Purpose Gives You GRIT

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Main Idea

While every day carries its challenges, they also provide opportunities to become stronger in Jesus. Strength recognizes wisdom and chooses to be trained by it. Today as we honor the strength of our mothers, we will discuss how purpose develops GRIT and that it consists of four things.

Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Additional Scripture: Proverbs 4:7, Isaiah 43:19, Jeremiah 29:11, Ephesians 2:10,

G - Grace: GRIT begins at the acceptance of Grace

Everyone comes to the point where we recognize that we can not do this on our own strength. That's where supernatural grace kicks in and begins to flow through you.

Where do you see yourself struggling in strength? How is his power being made perfect in your weakness?

Additional Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:9, Isaiah 40:29, Philippians 4:13,

R - Relentless Spirit: Purpose makes you relentless

We should be able to confidently say "I'm not ever going to give up". Why? Because I understand the grace of God. I understand the cost. I understand the love of God. How does your understanding of God's love help you to be relentless? (Remember the illustration of the honey badger.)

Additional Scripture: John 15:13, Isaiah 54:10

I - Integrity: Purpose develops integrity

Integrity is doing right no matter what pains it might bring. It is having a reputation for honesty and being blameless when no one is watching. How does someone lead a blameless life? How does that bless our children?

Additional Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:21, Proverbs 20:7

T - Testimony: Purpose focuses on the testimony

Purpose should be alive in you and flow OUT of you. "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." What is your testimony? How have you shared it with others recently?

Additional Scripture: Luke 8:39, Psalm 28:7, Psalm 66:16,

SUMMARY

Purpose should be alive inside of each of us. At times pursuing that purpose may exhaust us. But believers with GRIT, are those who are always going back to Jesus to strength. Are you walking in your purpose - not just an awareness - but living it out?

CALL TO ACTION

1. Pastor Jackie talked about having a shift when we realize our purpose and that it changes everything. Read Isaiah 43:19, Jeremiah 29:11 and Ephesians 2:10. Spend time this week praying through that shift as God is showing you His purpose.
2. Walk through those four principles of purpose-filled GRIT and be intentional to pray over and talk to someone in your group about any areas that you may be struggling to walk in His strength.
3. Take some time this week to pray over what God has spoken to you about your purpose. Then write down a few sentences that describe your purpose.

Hope City has a great next step for you as you seek to discover your purpose through [Growth Track](#). We also offer a great way for you to make connections and be an encouragement to others is by [Leading](#) or [Joining](#) a Connect Group, or serving on a [Dream Team](#). If you need assistance you can email info@hopecity.com.

GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

Game: Who Am I

All you need is a small group and some post-it notes. Write a famous person or character's name on a post-it note, and then attach it to the player's forehead or back of their shirt. Now, the player may ask 21 questions to figure out who they are.