This group is meant to facilitate discussion and meaningful conversations. The information below is derived from this week's outline.

Weekly Discussion Theme: Purpose

- Leader shares: Many of the things we naturally enjoy doing can become meaningful ways to serve others. Baking, organizing closets, driving, gardening, painting, listening, decorating, cleaning, making people laugh, planning events, or fixing things around the house are all gifts that can bring joy and comfort to someone else. We may not always think of these things as part of our purpose, but when we look more closely, they are exactly that. The things that bring us life can also be used to lift others up. Purpose doesn't have to be complicated or far away. It can begin with what already brings you joy. When you do something you love, you feel alive. When you use that same passion to help someone else, the joy multiplies. This kind of service not only blesses others, but it also fills your own heart in a deeper way.
- **Group shares**: What is something you love doing that makes you feel like yourself and gets you excited?
- Acknowledge: THANK YOU for sharing!

Verse: **1 Peter 4:10 (NIV) -** "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

- Leader shares: When we use the gifts we have been given to serve others, we are not just being helpful. We are becoming a reflection of God's grace in action. Each of us has something to offer that no one else can bring in the same way. God does not expect us to do everything or be someone we are not. He simply invites us to be faithful with what we already have. The amazing thing is that when we use our gifts to serve, it not only blesses others, it also builds something in us. It can bring healing, restore confidence, and remind us that our lives matter. Purpose often begins with using what we already love to do and offering it with a willing heart.
- **Group shares**: What thoughts or feelings come up for you as you hear this verse and its spiritual application?
- Acknowledge: THANK YOU for sharing!

10 Simple Ways to Discover What You Love and Use It to Serve Others

- 1. Think about something you love doing that makes time fly.
- 2. Try something new just for fun and see how it feels.
- 3. Notice what people often ask you to help with.
- 4. Write down what gave you energy today.
- 5. Ask a friend what they think you're good at.
- 6. Look for ways your interests could help someone else.
- 7. Take one small step to serve someone using something you enjoy.
- 8. Focus on what you're grateful for each day.

- 9. Make a list of things that make you feel alive.
- 10. Pray and ask God to show you how to use what you love to serve others.

Prompt Question: Which of these do you connect with the most, or is there something you would add?

Acknowledge: THANK YOU for sharing!

- Leader shares: You may already be living with purpose more than you realize. Sometimes the joy grows when you begin to see how the things you naturally enjoy can become a gift to someone else. What feels simple or second nature to you might be exactly what someone else needs. When you offer what you love to others, your passion can actually grow. It becomes richer, more meaningful, and more deeply connected to who you are. What once felt like just a personal interest can begin to open doors, create new relationships, and spark purpose in places you never thought to look.
- Leader shares: An email will be sent shortly containing today's outline, along with a
 request to share resources discussed today. Additionally, you'll find essential links for
 joining the group, as well as links to join our Facebook group or follow us on social
 media to stay connected.
- **Closing:** As we conclude our group meeting, I encourage everyone to share any additional thoughts on your mind, or to request prayer.
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