GROUP GUIDE

Find Your Purpose

From the message on Isaiah 2:4 · Psalm 139:13

THE MESSAGE IN BRIEF

Many of us carry a quiet worry right now: in an age of machines, what's the point of being human? This message answers it two ways. Isaiah 2:4 calls us to lay down the sword (criticism, outrage, tearing down) and pick up the shovel (building something better). Psalm 139:13 answers the fear of being replaceable: you were knit together, by name, on purpose, the opposite of mass-produced. Nicholas Winton lived this out. In 1939 he quietly arranged trains to carry 669 children to safety, and told no one for fifty years.

READ

> **ISAIAH 2:4** *"They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks."*
>
> **PSALM 139:13** *"You created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb."*

Also read: Genesis 2:15 · 1 Peter 4:10. **From the book:** *Your Life Signature*, chapter 1.

OPEN UP

Tell us about something you built with your own hands, big or small, that almost nobody else ever noticed.

THINK IT THROUGH

1. Nicholas Winton did quiet, unglamorous work and never told a soul for fifty years. What does that challenge in the way you measure your own impact?
2. This series talks about three things God places in us: Passion (the fire in your bones), Gift (the strength in your hands) and Burden (the ache in your heart). Which of those words jumps out at you first, and why?

GET HONEST

3. Where in your life right now are you holding a sword (criticizing, venting, tearing down) more than you're holding a shovel and actually building something?
4. "What will you replace the problem with?" Think of something you tend to criticize or complain about. What would it look like to build something instead?

PRAY TOGETHER

God, thank you that you knit each of us together by name, on purpose. Forgive us for the times we reach for the sword when you've put a shovel in our hands. Help every person here uncover, not invent, what you made them to build. Give us one small thing to build this week, and the courage to do it. Amen.

THIS WEEK

- **Write it down.** "This week, instead of just noticing _____, I'm going to build _____."
- **Read the Bible together.** Start the 5-day Bible plan *Your Life Signature: Find Your God-Given Purpose* in the Bible App and invite your group as friends, so you read the same day and can see each other's reflections. bible.com/reading-plans/79882
- **Swap one sword for a shovel.** Each time you catch yourself criticizing this week, build one small thing instead of critiquing one more.

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Lessons from the Burning Bush

From the message on Exodus 2:11–14 · Exodus 3:1–4:17 · Exodus 1:11–14 · Genesis 46:34 · Deuteronomy 28:12 · Romans 12:6 · 1 Peter 4:10

THE MESSAGE IN BRIEF

Moses' call story shows three things God places in every one of us. Passion is the fire in your bones, like a bush that burns but isn't consumed: it lights you up without burning you out. Gift is the strength in your hands, like Moses' ordinary shepherd's staff, the tool of a trade Egypt looked down on, which God asked about by name. Burden is the ache in your heart, the place where God's heart meets yours: "I have heard them crying out." This conversation is simply about naming all three, honestly, one at a time.

READ

> **EXODUS 3:2** *"The bush was burning, yet it was not consumed."*
>
> **EXODUS 4:2** *"The LORD said to him, 'What is that in your hand?' He said, 'A staff.'"*

Also read: Exodus 3:7 · Deuteronomy 28:12 · 1 Peter 4:10. **From the book:** *Your Life Signature*, chapters 4 to 7.

OPEN UP

If nobody paid you and nobody was watching, what would you still find yourself doing?

THINK IT THROUGH

1. **Passion:** What makes you lose track of time? What could you talk about for an hour without getting bored?
2. **Gift:** What feels effortless to you but seems to genuinely impress other people? What do others see in you that you've overlooked?

GET HONEST

3. **Burden:** What situations make you say, "someone has to do something about this"? What need can you not walk past?
4. Which of these three feels easiest for you to name? Which feels hardest, and why?

PRAY TOGETHER

God, thank you for the fire, the strength and the ache you have already placed in each person here. Give us the courage to name them honestly instead of downplaying them. Like Moses, help us see what is already in our hands, and trust that you can use it. Amen.

THIS WEEK

- **Write it down.** Fill in each one on its own, without trying to connect them: My passion is _____. My gift is _____. My burden is _____.
- **Read the Bible together.** Start the 5-day Bible plan *Your Life Signature: Find Your God-Given Purpose* in the Bible App and invite your group as friends, so you read the same day and can see each other's reflections. bible.com/reading-plans/79882
- **Ask someone who knows you.** "What do I do that seems easy for me but impresses you?" Their answer may point to a gift you've overlooked.

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Your Life Signature

From the message on Exodus 3:5 · Genesis 10:8–9, 11:4 · Micah 5:6 · Genesis 6:5, 9

THE MESSAGE IN BRIEF

When only two of passion, gift and burden overlap, something is missing. Passion and gift with no burden looks good on paper but feels empty by Thursday. Gift and burden with no passion becomes duty that grinds you down. Passion and burden with no gift is good intentions with no traction. When all three converge, as they did for Mother Teresa, something settles. That convergence is your Life Signature. But it still has to be aimed somewhere. Nimrod and Noah both had real strength. Nimrod built a tower to make a name for himself. Noah built an ark that saved a future nobody else believed in. Your Life Signature is the engraving on the handle of your shovel. It doesn't decide which direction you swing it.

READ

> **GENESIS 11:4** *"Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower... let us make a name for ourselves."*
>
> **GENESIS 6:9** *"Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God."*

Also read: Exodus 3:5 · Genesis 10:8–9 · Micah 5:6. **From the book:** *Your Life Signature*, chapter 8 and the epilogue.

OPEN UP

Of the three (passion, gift, burden), which two do you feel you already have, and which one feels hardest to find in your own life?

THINK IT THROUGH

1. Which of the three "two circle" traps (empty success, exhausting duty, or heartbreak without traction) feels most familiar in your life right now?
2. Mother Teresa's gift wasn't strategy or scale. It was presence. What's a quiet gift you have that doesn't look impressive but genuinely matters?

GET HONEST

3. Nimrod's strength built a name for himself; Noah's built a future for others. Honestly, which direction do you feel your own gifts pulling right now, and why?
4. What would it look like this week to let your passion, gift and burden move a little closer together, aimed at building for others rather than for yourself?

PRAY TOGETHER

God, thank you that these three were never missing, only waiting to be recognized. Let them settle together in each of us. Make us builders like Noah, faithful when no one is watching, and keep us from building towers to our own name. Amen.

THIS WEEK

- **Write it down.** "I think my Life Signature might have something to do with _____." Then be honest with yourself: am I more tempted to use it to build a name for myself, or to build something for someone else?
- **Read the Bible together.** Start the 5-day Bible plan *Your Life Signature: Find Your God-Given Purpose* in the Bible App and invite your group as friends, so you read the same day and can see each other's reflections. bible.com/reading-plans/79882
- **Ask one question each day.** "Whose name am I building for today: my own, or God's and the people around me?"

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Start at Home

From the message on Genesis 1:28 · Genesis 2:15 · Matthew 25:14–30

THE MESSAGE IN BRIEF

The first place God put human beings wasn't a battlefield or a boardroom. It was a home, a garden to work and keep. In the parable of the talents, the servant who buried what he'd been given lost everything, and we often bury what matters most at home because it feels too ordinary to count. The Window Exercise makes it concrete: stand outside your own home and look through your own window at your actual life. Susanna Wesley gave each of her nineteen children an uninterrupted hour every week, and never knew that kitchen-table faithfulness would ripple out to more than eighty million people. Purpose doesn't prove itself on a stage. It proves itself at home first.

READ

> **GENESIS 2:15** *"The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it."*
>
> **MATTHEW 25:21** *"Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much."*

Also read: Matthew 25:14–30 · Genesis 1:28. **From the book:** *Your Life Signature*, chapters 3 and 11.

OPEN UP

Describe your kitchen table or living room on a normal weeknight. Who's there, and what's actually happening?

THINK IT THROUGH

1. Where are you most tempted to think something doesn't count unless it's big, seen or celebrated?
2. Susanna Wesley had no idea her faithfulness at home would matter as much as it did. Who in your life might be shaped by something you're doing right now that feels too small to matter?

GET HONEST

3. Picture standing outside your own home tonight, looking in through the window. What do you notice about your life from the outside? If you live alone, who could you invite in?
4. What's one concrete way you could invest in the people closest to you this week, instead of waiting for a bigger opportunity?

PRAY TOGETHER

God, thank you for the people already closest to us. Let each person's Life Signature take root first at home, before it ever needs an audience. Help us not to bury what you've given us because it feels small. Thank you that our purpose was never something to invent, only something to find. Amen.

THIS WEEK

- **Do the Window Exercise.** Stand outside your home for two minutes and look in. Then write down one person you'll invest in this week: _____.
- **Read the Bible together.** Start the 5-day Bible plan *Your Life Signature: Find Your God-Given Purpose* in the Bible App and invite your group as friends, so you read the same day and can see each other's reflections. bible.com/reading-plans/79882
- **Pick one practice.** Block time on your calendar for the people nearest you, say yes when someone close asks for your time, or check on someone who's easy to overlook.

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