SERMON NOTES

Start at Home

A Month of Purpose · Part 4 of 4

Genesis 1:28 · Genesis 2:15 · Matthew 25:14–30

BIG IDEA

Your Life Signature doesn't prove itself on a stage. It proves itself at your own kitchen table, with the people closest to you, and that's not a smaller purpose. It's the truest one.

The full outline for this message, scripture first: The Text, What It Means, The Challenge and Closing. Adapt it freely and add your own stories.

01 The Text

GENESIS 1:28 · GENESIS 2:15

Before there were nations to influence or great works to build, God's first words to humanity were "be fruitful and multiply," and He "put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it."

MATTHEW 25:14–30

A master entrusts three servants with talents: "to one he gave five... to another two... to another one." Two invest what they're given and hear "well done." One buries his and loses everything.

02 What It Means

The very first place God put human beings was not a battlefield or a boardroom. It was a home: a place of relationships, work, and belonging, tending a garden before there was ever a nation to lead. The story of purpose begins at home. That was true in Eden, and it's still true now. In the parable, a "talent" was roughly twenty years' wages: even the smallest amount entrusted was a small fortune, not a token. Two servants invested what they were given and heard "well done." One buried his because it felt safer, and lost everything. We often bury what matters most at home for the same reason: because it feels too ordinary to count as one of our talents. It's not small. It's just quiet.

03 The Challenge

Challenge: Stand outside your own home for two minutes this week and look through your own window at your actual life. If you live alone, notice who could be invited in. Then pick one small, concrete practice: never say no when someone close to you asks for your time; block time on your

calendar for the people nearest you; check on someone who's easy to overlook. (Susanna Wesley is a good picture of this: a mother of nineteen children who gave each one an uninterrupted hour every week; two of her sons went on to spark a movement more than eighty million people today trace back to her kitchen table. She never knew any of that would happen.)

Encouragement: Recall the shovel from week one and Noah's quiet faithfulness from week three: you don't need a stage to live this. Start with the people already closest to you.

04 Closing

Sending: This is the last week of the series. If it fits your church's rhythm, point people toward two next steps, lightly: continuing the conversation in ongoing small groups, and reading the book *Your Life Signature* if they want to go deeper on their own. This is a ministry moment first. Resist the urge to oversell anything here.

Closing prayer: Ask God to let each person's Life Signature take root first in their own home, with their own people, before it ever needs an audience.

FOR YOUR GROUPS

Groups: the Part 4 group guide brings the Window Exercise into the room. Bulletin outline and quote graphics are on the Part 4 page.

Every Part 4 resource: monthofpurpose.benjaminwindle.com/part-4