If we have sincerely surrendered our lives to Jesus, in Spirit and in truth, we are choosing to live under His Lordship. We are called to pursue His purpose for our lives. As we mature in our walk with Jesus, He will reveal His purpose for choosing us.

***Ephesians 2:8-10***

Read the introduction to the subject and the scriptures. Consider the primary emphasis and the context in which it is presented. Then, answer the questions.

1) Each one of us is given gifts, talents and resources with which we are to accomplish God’s specific purpose for our life. Our primary purpose is to love, know and serve God. We are dependent upon the Holy Spirit, as the presence of the Lord Jesus in us, to teach us His ways and His Word. We must learn to recognize His voice so that He can guide us daily and effectively. Everything we do for God must flow out of this relationship for it to have eternal significance.

***John 15:1-17, 16:12-15, Colossians 1:9-13***

a) Summarize what these verses say to me.

2) Jesus’ obedience to His Father’s will is our model. We want a “to do” list. Our challenge is to listen to the Spirit; so that as there are opportunities, we speak and take action as He directs.

***John 6:38-40, v63, Luke 6:46-49,***

***Ephesian 5:14-18, Romans 8:12-14***

a) Summarize what these verses say to me.

b) Should I seek guidance from the Lord on a daily basis? Why?

c) When visiting with someone, how would my words and actions be different if I actively invited the Holy Spirit to control what I do and say?

d) Assuming you feel led by the Holy Spirit; explain the difference between an interruption in your plans and an opportunity for ministry.

3) God’s desire and command to us is to be a witness for the Gospel. Jesus’s last words called us to be disciples that make disciples. In being intentional about these commands, we find our purpose.

***Matthew 28:18-20, 1 Timothy 2:1-4, 2 Timothy 2:1-2***

a) How should I apply these commands to my daily life?

b) Why and in what way would Jesus consider me His Disciple?

c) List specific individuals I am committed to disciple in my family, my work, and in my community.

4) Our personal calling helps guide our involvements. As we seek the Lord’s guidance He will begin to direct our actions in order to accomplish His desires.

***Proverbs 3:5-8, John 10:1-6, Romans 12:4-8***

a) Am I truly involved in Kingdom work to any extent at all, or just busy?

b) What is my calling now, at this time, in the different areas of my life? Prayerfully consider this important question, write it down, and answer below.

i) In my family

ii) In my workplace

iii) In my church

iv) In my community

5) Laying hold of God’s purpose should motivate us, but we tend to pursue worldly passions rather than spiritual purposes.

***Matthew 13:1-9. 18-23***

a) Which type soil am I?

b) What can I change now to be more fruitful for the Lord and His Kingdom?

6) What would the Lord have me do it this week? How will I start?