

# Walk With Scripture - Scripture Lesson

**Title:** *Finding Purpose Understanding God's Plan for Your Life*

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## Focus Scripture:

- **ESV:** “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” — Ephesians 2:10
  - **NIV:** “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” — Ephesians 2:10
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## Opening Prayer (5 minutes):

Heavenly Father, we gather today seeking to understand Your purpose for our lives. We ask for Your wisdom and guidance as we study Your Word. Open our hearts to hear Your voice and help us find clarity in the plans You have for us. May we leave this place with a renewed sense of direction and purpose, confident in Your love and calling. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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## Introduction to the Topic (5-10 minutes):

Today's lesson is about discovering our purpose in life. Many people struggle with questions about their purpose: Why am I here? What has God created me to do? The Bible teaches that God has a unique purpose for each of us, crafted even before we were born. Our purpose is not just about our careers or daily tasks, but about living in a way that glorifies God and aligns with His will. In Ephesians 2:10, we learn that we are God's workmanship, created for good works that He prepared for us in advance. This lesson will help us explore what it means to live out this purpose.

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## Bible Verses for Discussion (20 minutes):

### 1. Jeremiah 29:11

- **ESV:** “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”
- **NIV:** “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

### 2. Romans 8:28

- **ESV:** “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”
- **NIV:** “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

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## 3. Proverbs 19:21

- **ESV:** “Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.”
- **NIV:** “Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.”

## 4. Psalm 139:13-14

- **ESV:** “For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.”
- **NIV:** “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.”

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### Discussion Questions (15-20 minutes):

1. How does knowing that God has a unique purpose for each of us change the way we view our daily lives?
2. What are some ways you have sought to discover God's purpose for your life? How has He guided you in the past?
3. What steps can we take to align our plans with God’s purpose, especially when our desires seem to conflict with His will?

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### Life Application (10 minutes):

Finding purpose often starts with seeking God’s will through prayer, scripture, and reflection. This week, set aside time each day to pray and ask God to reveal His purpose for your life. Consider areas where you feel called to serve or make a difference. Look for opportunities where your talents, passions, and the needs around you intersect. Commit to taking one practical step toward pursuing God's purpose, whether it is volunteering, mentoring, or simply spending more time in prayer and study.

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### Reflection and Encouragement (5-10 minutes):

Take time to reflect on areas where you feel uncertain about your purpose. Remember that God has created each of us with intention, and He is faithful to reveal His plans as we seek Him. Be encouraged that even in times of uncertainty, God is working all things together for good, and His purpose will ultimately prevail. Trust in His timing and His promises, and remain open to His leading.

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### Closing Verse:

- **ESV:** “The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.” — Proverbs 16:9
- **NIV:** “In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.” — Proverbs 16:9

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### Closing Prayer (5 minutes):

Father, we thank You for the promise that You have a purpose for each of our lives. Help us to trust in Your plans  
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and to seek Your will above our own. Guide us as we take steps to discover and fulfill the purpose You have for us. Give us the courage to follow where You lead, even when the path is unclear. Thank You for the assurance that Your plans are for our good and Your glory. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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## Takeaway Challenge:

This week, write down three specific areas where you feel God may be calling you to serve or grow. Pray over these areas daily, asking God for clarity and direction. Share these with a trusted friend or group member and ask them to pray with you and hold you accountable as you seek to follow God's purpose.

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## Online Bible Resources:

- Logos ([www.Logos.com](http://www.Logos.com))
- Bible by Olive Tree ([www.OliveTree.com](http://www.OliveTree.com))
- BibleGateway ([www.BibleGateway.com](http://www.BibleGateway.com))

