

# “What is God’s Purpose with People?”



## OPEN IT

- Who is someone that influenced your life in a meaningful way through small, ordinary acts of faithfulness?
- When you hear the phrase “change the world,” what kinds of things usually come to mind?

## READ IT:

- Genesis 1:27–28
- Matthew 28:18–20
- Acts 9:36–43
- John 15:1–8

## EXPLORE IT

### Identity and Purpose

- The message says we are “ROOTED to REACH.” What does that phrase communicate about the relationship between identity and purpose?
- According to Genesis 1:27–28, what responsibilities did God give humanity from the very beginning?

### Dominion Mandate

- The message explains that the call in Genesis 1 to multiply, fill the earth, subdue it, and rule is more about stewardship than domination. Why is that distinction important?
- How do you see the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20 as an extension of the purpose God gave mankind in the beginning?

- What are some practical ways people can “bring order to chaos” or “make the world better” in ways that reflect God’s intention?

### **Creativity and Influence**

- The message says, “We were created to create.” How can creativity show up in ordinary jobs, relationships, or responsibilities?
- Which example from the opening stories (Moody, C.S. Lewis, Dorcas, Joe) stood out to you most, and why?

### **Dorcas and Faithfulness**

- What do you learn from Dorcas’ story in Acts 9 about the value of seemingly small acts of service?
- The widows showed Peter the clothing Dorcas had made. What does that reveal about the kind of impact she had on her community?

### **Abiding and Multiplication**

- In John 15, Jesus says abiding leads to fruitfulness. Why do we often try harder instead of slowing down and staying connected to Jesus?
- The message says, “Don’t try to change the world. Just refuse to leave your space unchanged.” What might that look like in your current season of life?

## **DO IT:**

- **Notice a Need:** Ask God to help you intentionally notice one person or situation this week where you can bring encouragement, order, or care.
- **Use What You Have:** Instead of waiting for the “perfect opportunity,” use the gifts, skills, or resources you already have to serve someone.
- **Reconnect Before You Reach:** Spend intentional time abiding with Jesus this week through prayer, Scripture, or silence before trying to “do more.”
- **Make something that Matters:** Make something better this week—a relationship, environment, conversation, or situation—in a way that reflects God’s character.
- **Do Small Things with Great Love:** Choose one ordinary act of faithfulness this week and do it intentionally as worship to God.