

## Determining Your Why and Why It's Important – C & C 2/21

### **I. DETERMINING YOUR WHY**

Do you know your WHY? Burden//Passion, What drives you? What motivates you?

**Here are some examples of people you know:**

Mother Teresa: to serve the poorest of the poor and provide love, compassion, and care to those in need

Steve Jobs: **to enhance people's lives through technology,**

Oprah Winfrey: to make a positive impact in the world through storytelling, education, and philanthropy

Jane Goodall: to protect wildlife and promote conservation efforts, through scientific research, education, and advocacy.

Leonardo da Vinci: to explore the wonders of nature, art, and science, pushing the boundaries of human knowledge and creativity through his inventions, paintings, and scientific discoveries.

Katherine Thrower: To provide hospitality through a creative classroom & event space in the heart of the West Homewood for the purpose of connection, collaboration and creativity.

Anna Nash: To walk with women helping them find purpose and meaning in life.

**BASICALLY we are asking the questions:** *Who are you? What do you do? Why do you do it? And How do you do it?*

Understanding your calling involves recognizing how you positively influence or impact something or someone because of what you do.

Recognize the ways in which you contribute to the greater good and make a positive difference in the world because of who God made you to be and what He made you to love resulting in what you do. It's about embracing your unique God-given strengths and passions to create meaningful impact and leave a lasting legacy.

**WE WILL GIVE YOU A FEW MINUTES TO CONSIDER OR RECONSIDER YOUR WHY BEFORE BREAKING INTO GROUPS. (Be Free!)**

**II. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT to determine your why and continually rehearse it?**

1. Your WHY aligns you with God's purposes in His Kingdom.
2. Your WHY guides you like a compass for your life./Decision Making
3. Your WHY helps you live authentically.
4. Your WHY offers a willingness to be flexible.
5. Your WHY lived out makes life meaningful.
6. Your WHY fuels you with energy and resilience. (Needed to persevere ie. Passion for people drives passion for product.)

When actions align with personal values and purpose there is an overall sense of satisfaction in life and well-being.

**BUT HOW DO I LIVE IN ALIGNMENT with my purpose/mission?**

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**Let's Make It Practical:**

1. Rehearse and reflect often upon your life's mission and your reason for existence regularly. (with yourself/God, with your team)
2. Pray and ask God to show you HIS purposes for your day before it begins and continually throughout as it unfolds.
3. Make a list and talk to God about those with whom you will meet that day - intentionality. ***And God is able to bless you abundantly, so***

***that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8***

4. When your day goes sideways, remember you can trust Him. Blessed are the flexible for ...

***The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD. Proverbs 16:11***

***For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:8-11***

5. Consider how God has used you and your gifts/strengths in the lives of others in the past and express gratitude. Remember the feeling and recognize it when He gives it again. Jesus said, ... ***“My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.” John 10:10***

**CONCLUSION:** AU Guy in Bangkok (identity) You know what you do...but can you articulate why you do it? Why is that important?

As believers, we all have the same “WHY”. As His children our ultimate purpose is to make much of God and to live in accordance with His will...the great commission...be like Jesus to a world in need. ... (Easter Matters Devotional Book can be ordered [HERE](#).)

***May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13***

At the end of the day the most important thing about you is that you are a child of God...back to your identity.

I have called you by name, you are MINE. Isaiah 43

“The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”

— **Frederick Buechner**