

MY GOD GIVEN PURPOSE and MY GOD GIVEN PRAYER

TODAY'S QUESTION: What is best? Do I want what is best?

SERIES QUESTION: Why me?

SERIES THEME: To discover, understand, and be confident in our God-given purpose for life

My God-given purpose is _____!

- ▶ Our _____ for our kids is that they will find their God-given purpose in life.

TODAY'S TEXT: Nehemiah 1:3 – 2:5

A key verse: "When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven." -- 1:4

TODAY'S THEME: Feeling, seeing, hearing and doing our God-given purpose through prayer

MY GOD GIVEN PURPOSE IS BEST:

I. WHEN I PRAY I _____ IT

My God-given purpose is to feel what God is feeling!

Question → What is best? To feel good or to feel what God feels?

- ▶ Nehemiah had a good life.
 - > But God had something better for Nehemiah.
 - > It all started when Nehemiah heard some _____ news!

Questions → What is best? To always try to feel good and ignore sad things? Or to feel what God is feeling? How does God feel about the brokenness in our world?

- ▶ God often speaks to us about our greater purpose in life through the brokenness and pain of others.

What sad news have you heard recently?

Let's pray about the things that are making us sad.

TODAY'S QUESTION: What is best? To feel good or to feel what God feels?

MY GOD GIVEN PURPOSE IS BEST:

II. WHEN I PRAY I _____ IT

My God-given purpose is to see what God is seeing!

Question → What is best? To see what I want to see or to see what God sees?

- ▶ Note #1: As Nehemiah prayed he saw how great and awesome and faithful God is! • 1:5
 - > He saw that God was not the _____!
- ▶ Note #2: But as he prayed he saw how unfaithful and disobedient God's people had been.
 - > He saw that _____ was part of the problem! • 1:6,7

I have prayed and asked for God's forgiveness. (Yes)

Let's pray and thank God for forgiving us.

- ▶ The _____ to living our God-given purpose is a life-style of humble confession and living in the grace of God's forgiveness.

TODAY'S QUESTION: What is best? To see what I want to see or to see what God sees?

MY GOD GIVEN PURPOSE IS BEST:

III. WHEN I PRAY I _____ IT

My God-given purpose is to hear what God is saying!

Question → What is best? To hear what I want to hear or to hear God's Word?

- ▶ We can have confidence that God hears and will answer our prayer _____ we hear and pray His promises!
 - > Nehemiah remembered and prayed God's promises.

The promise of God that I am praying is: _____

*Luke 11:9 *Matthew 7:11b; 11:28 *Hebrews 13:5b, 6, 8 *I Peter 5:7

- ▶ Nehemiah had a good life but He found God's best when he believed and prayed the Word of God.

TODAY'S QUESTION: **What is best?** To hear what I want to hear or to hear and pray what God is saying?

MY GOD GIVEN PURPOSE IS BEST:

IV. WHEN I PRAY I WANT TO ____ IT

My God-given purpose is to do what God is doing!

Question → What is best? To do what's easy or to do what God is doing?

Difficult Question #1 → Would God answer Nehemiah's prayer?

▶ Nehemiah faced a difficult situation:

> Nehemiah needed a _____!

> God did it!

▶ Nehemiah faced a difficult _____:

Difficult Question #2 → If God did it, would he do it?

→ If God does what we ask, will we do what we need to do?

▶ If Nehemiah was going to fulfill his God-given purpose, he needed to make a decision to do what God was doing!

TODAY'S QUESTION: **What is best?** To do what's easy or to do what God is doing?

What do you think God wants you to do? Where do you think God wants you to go? _____

Let's pray for courage to go and do what needs to be done.

CONCLUDING QUESTIONS: Does God have a purpose for a kid's life?
Can children hear His voice?