

# 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?