

**PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE – Week #4
FORMED FOR GOD’S FAMILY
October 3, 2021**



Colossians 3:23 (NLT) *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as though you were working for the Lord and not for people.*

Hebrews 2:10 (NLT) *God, for whom and through whom everything was made, chose to bring many children into glory. And it was only right that he should make Jesus, through his suffering, a perfect leader, fit to bring them into their salvation.*

v. 11 - *So now Jesus and the ones he makes holy have the same Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters.*

1 Peter 2:17 (MSG) *Love your spiritual family.*

***Our SECOND purpose in life is
LIVING IN GOD’S FAMILY***

Mark 12:30-31 (NIV) *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”*

1 Tim 3:15 (CEV) *so that if I am delayed, you will know how everyone who belongs to God’s family ought to behave. After all, the church of the living God is the strong foundation of truth.*

**Expressing our love to God = WORSHIP
Loving one another in God’s family = FELLOWSHIP**

4 Levels of “FELLOWSHIP”

FIRST – Showing up & Choosing to belong



Ephesians 2:19 (TLB) *Now you are no longer strangers to God and foreigners to heaven, but you are **members of God's very own family**, citizens of God's country, and **you belong in God's household with every other Christian.***

Being a Christ-follower is not only a matter of **believing**, it is a matter of **belonging**

John 14:18 (NIV) *I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.*

SECOND level of Fellowship Learning to Share – the “Friendship level”

Acts 2:44 (NLT) *And all the believers **met together** in one place and **shared everything they had.***
v. 45-47 *They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. ⁴⁶ They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity - ⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.*

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV) *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ **not giving up meeting together**, as some are in the habit of doing, **but encouraging one***

another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

THIRD level of Fellowship - Partnership

1 Corinthians 3:9 (GNT) *For we are **partners working together** for God, and you are God's field*

Ephesians 4:16 (NLT) *He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As **each part does its own special work**, it helps the other parts grow, so that the **whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.***

1 Corinthians 12:18-20 (NLT) *Our bodies have many parts, and **God has put each part just where he wants it.** ¹⁹ How strange a body would be if it had only one part! ²⁰ Yes, there are many parts, but only one body.*

FOURTH level of fellowship – KINSHIP

Acts 2:42 (CEV) *They spent their time learning from the apostles, **and they were like family to each other.** They also broke bread and prayed together.*

“**KOINONIA**” (Greek) - being committed to each other as we are to Jesus



John 3:16 (NIV) *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life*

1 John 3:16 (NIV) *This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And **we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.***

John 13:34-35 (NIV) *A new command I give you: Love one another. **As I have loved you, so you must love one another.** ³⁵ **By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,** if you love one another.*

Galatians 3:26 (NLT) *For you are all children of God **through faith in Christ Jesus.***

Preview of Upcoming Weeks of Purpose Driven Life:

10/10: Week 5 – Purpose 3 - Created to Become Like Christ

10/17: Week 6 – Purpose 4 - Shaped to Serve God

10/24: Week 7 – Purpose 5 - Made for a Mission

10/31: Week 8 – Wrap-up – What Have we Learned?

TAKE IT FURTHER/CHALLENGE:

Meditate on the fact that you are made to be in fellowship as a part of the family of God.

Which level of fellowship are you at?

- Showing up - choosing to belong
- Learning to share – “the friendship stage”
- Partnership - Find your place to give back
- Kinship – loving others as family

Are you a part of the family of God? If not, you can be TODAY!

SINNER’S PRAYER:

God, I know I'm a sinner. I can't fix myself.
But I believe you can. Come into my life.
And make me new. I give myself to you.
In Jesus' name, I pray.

Did you get a Challenge Card to take home and put somewhere where you will see it throughout the week?

Remember the 40-hour commitment over 40 days

