



## Christ Supreme in my Purpose in Life

NorthRidge Church

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### His Design – My Life ... Colossians 1:24-2:5

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### Let's Consider ... vs. 23

- I. If you are a \_\_\_\_\_, you have a \_\_\_\_\_.
- II. When the people around us see us in action, do they see \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_?
- III. What about in our \_\_\_\_\_?
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## Truth for Life

For the week of February 9, 2020

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. When you think of "ministry" what are some of the thoughts, images, people, or ideas that come to mind (positive or negative)?
2. Most of us don't enjoy being corrected, rebuked or disciplined. When it comes to being warned or admonished about something, what do you think are the key ingredients that need to be present for you to respond positively?  
  
When the tables are turned and we have the role of admonishing someone else, what are some indicators that could alert us if our motivation is messed up?
3. It's pretty amazing to think that God chooses to use us to make a difference in this world. How do the following verses help us further understand both our role and God's role in this process?

2 Timothy 2:1-7	1 Corinthians 3:5-9	Romans 1:20
1 Peter 2:12		1 Peter 3:15-18

What are some potential pitfalls or problems we could face if we confuse our role with God's role or His role with ours?

4. The mission of NorthRidge Church is to make disciples in a healthy church environment. This weekend we heard that making disciples requires that we focus on the "right goal" and communicate the "right message." Read Ephesians 4:11-16. This passage gives us a picture of what that can look like.

What are some of the obstacles that can get in the way of our spiritual growth both individually and as a church family?

What knowledge and actions are called for in order to see a healthy church grow?

Is there something in this passage that you could apply in your own life to help our church family grow and mature?

5. Here are some more challenging questions that will be great to ponder among your small group.
  - a. What does spiritual maturity look like? How do we know that we are on track?
  - b. What are the greatest hinderances to spiritual growth and maturity?
  - c. What one thing do you need to do now in order to take the next step spiritually? How can this group help you?



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