

THIS IS US

MADE ON PURPOSE FOR A **PURPOSE**

"Made to Make a Difference"

For the week of April 22 - 28, 2018

Main Passages and Lessons:

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10)

- Each one of us has a unique role in bringing God's righteousness and goodness to the world. We will never truly thrive in life until we begin living our purpose.

*"This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵'Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. **Increase in number there; do not decrease.** ⁷Also, **seek the peace (shalom) and prosperity of the city** to which I have carried you into exile. **Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.**" (Jeremiah 29:4-7)*

- While in exile in Babylon (a wicked city), God commanded the Israelites to thrive in their **families** and **jobs** as examples of God's love and goodness.
- As we thrive in life with family and work, we proclaim the gospel with our lives and our lips.

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. **It is the Lord Christ you are serving.**"*
(Colossians 3:23-24)

- Remember that everything we do is for the Lord, and that our ultimate reward for a life well lived will be in heaven.

Reflection:

- What stands out to you from the main passages and main lessons above and why?
- How do you think doing good work with a good attitude at your job and thriving in your family would demonstrate the gospel to those around you?

Application:

- From today's discussion, what are some practical steps that you can take to better thrive in your family and your work in order to demonstrate to others that the gospel works?

Prayer:

- Pray for one another to take the specific steps discussed above in order to thrive in our families and our work.
- Pray for one unreached friend or family member that you believe God wants you to demonstrate the gospel to in this season.

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