

THIS IS US

MADE ON PURPOSE FOR A **PURPOSE**

“We Were Made to Make A Difference”

For the week of April 22 - 28, 2018

Warm Up:

Share about a place (restaurant, café, barbershop, clothing store, movie theater, etc.) that you received excellent service at. How did it affect your experience?

Main Thought:

We were made to make a difference in the world. This becomes possible when we discover our true purpose in life—to love God and to be an example of His love to those around us. This means everything we have and do becomes a platform to share the gospel. However, often times, we can treat these platforms (our school, our job, and our relationships with our family and friends) without much meaning, purpose and care. We must remember that God has blessed us with and placed us in these areas to make a difference for His glory. The love and grace God has given us should change how we view school, work, and our relationships with our families and friends. If we truly want to make a difference, we should love others, serve others and pursue excellence in these areas because it deepens our love for God and it makes Him known to those around us.

Main Passages:

“...The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:28)

“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.” (John 3:16)

"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)

*"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)*

Scripture Exploration:

- Why do you think we become more like Jesus by loving others, serving others and pursuing excellence in the things we do?

Personal Reflection:

- Identify the areas God currently has you in (student, employee, son/daughter, brother/sister, friend, etc.). Are your actions and attitudes honoring and glorifying God to those that see you?
- Share why it is easy or difficult for you to honor and glorify God in these areas.

Active Application:

- God wants us to honor and glorify Him by having a servant's heart in the families, friendships, campuses, and workplaces He has blessed us with and placed us in. What are some practical things you can do in order to be a better example of Christ in these areas?

Prayer Points:

- Pray that one another would have Jesus' heart to love and serve others.
- Pray that one another would honor God by pursuing excellence in school, work, and in their relationships.
- Continue to pray by name those God is calling you to reach out to and bring to service, Grace Group, or spend time with.

