

Driven by a Higher Purpose

with insights from Tracy Bouwens of Scooter's Coffee

Video Notes

Discussion Questions

1. What are your takeaways from this video? What impacted you most?

Being Driven: Matthew 6:24, *“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”*

2. As Rick mention in the video, everyone has a driver. What drivers have you had in your past that have been unhealthy? What drives you today? Is your driver like Rick's friend “Seth,” or is it a healthy driver?

- a. Many business leaders are driven by profit. Discuss how hard it can be to avoid the trap mentioned in Matthew 6:24 above.

Purpose: Ephesians 2:10 *“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”*

3. **If you’ve discovered God’s purpose or “calling” for your life write it below and then please share it with the group. If it is unclear, discuss the ways God may be preparing you for your future calling.**

Exodus 35:30-35 *“Then Moses said to the people of Israel, “See, the LORD has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; (31) and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, (32) to devise artistic designs, to work in gold and silver and bronze.”*

- a. Why do you think God chose to highlight Bezalel in scripture? Why do you think he was the first person in God’s word to be mentioned as filled *“with the Spirit of God?”*

Steps to Discovering your Skills, Abilities, and Knowledge

1. **What are your duties and hobbies?**

2. **Ask your spouse, family, friends, and co-workers what they see as your possible skills, abilities, and knowledge.**

3. Reflect on your past and see if you can determine a pattern or “common thread” of what God has brought you through. Any thoughts on what that thread might be?

4. Pray and ask for God to reveal these things to you. Write anything that comes to mind below and continue to spend time in prayer with God about these things.

How to be Driven by Your Purpose

This is a great exercise to continue to work on outside of this session. There are many books and online resources that can help you develop your personal mission statement. Look for sources written by regarded Christian authors and business leaders.

- Develop** a personal mission or purpose statement.
- Connect** the physical of your labor to the spiritual work that you do.
- Test** all major decisions against that purpose statement.

Tracy Bouwen’s Story

How did Tracy’s “coffee house” journey change her perspective on her purpose? How might her story impact your view of your purpose?

Going Deeper

This section is an extension of the above materials and is designed for a deeper study/devotion on your own. The Bible is the best resource that can be used to guide our personal and business lives in order to glorify God. In this segment, you will be provided a scripture and then you are to indicate either: (1) *how to* use it as a guide in determining what drives you, or (2) *how it* should guide your motivation for being driven.

Proverbs 19:21: *“Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.”*

Romans 12:2: *“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”*

Job 42:2: *“I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.”*

Proverbs 16:3: *“Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.”*

1 Peter 2:9: *“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light..”*

Luke 9:62: *“Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”*
