

What's Your Why | Chris Roob, Stephanie Matott + AJ Norman | 7.5-6

Weekly Study

SHARE

Welcome to Week 3 of Young Bucks, a summer series built on the younger generation and their bold faith, with fresh voices, and a God who moves through anyone willing to say "yes". In this week's message, we had the opportunity to hear from three fresh voices calling us as a church to discover our uniquely designed purpose by understanding our why. Matthew 28:19-20 states "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." As believers, we are provided fundamental instructions on our purpose, so why has God created each one of us different and unique? Let's jump into this week's sermon discussion.

Reflecting on last week's sermon, which speaker's message did you feel conviction from
and how did the message impact your week?

☐ When it comes to this week's messages, what specific things make you feel unqualified, and how might God use even that?

GROW

Read Ephesians 2:10

This verse declares we are God's handiwork (something that one has made or done). God has made you on purpose for a purpose, and completes you in Christ, having prepared your purpose in advance. God has gifted us with specific skill sets, personality traits, testimonies and environments to ultimately fulfill the Great Commission and serve a purpose in His Kingdom. In the Bible, there are so many examples of how this verse has played out through the stories of prophets (Moses), apostles (Paul) and disciples (the woman at the well). In today's culture, we see these examples through the community leaders, our friends and family, each person living out their God-given purpose. We were reminded that Jesus didn't call the qualified, he qualifies the

called. As a church community, we are called and with that calling comes great responsibility.
☐ How does the phrase "created in Christ Jesus to do good works" reshape the way you see your daily responsibilities or struggles?
☐ If you were to examine your current circumstances, how has God placed you in this season that helps fulfill the Great Commission? Is He building your skill set, refining your personality, teaching you endurance through a struggle that will be a part of your testimony?
□ Do you see a need in this world that could use your skill set? Can you see how God could have handcrafted you for this need?
MOVE
Read Romans 3:23
This passage, similar to the characteristics of Jesus, can be confrontational for some, and gentle for others. Some might believe that through their titles, their worldly identities and their to do lists, they can earn God's love. Some might believe they have seen and done too much to deserve God's love. When we hold too tightly to our works and merits, we undermine the gift of the cross. When we are too hard on ourselves or believe we are too far gone, we undermine the redeeming power of the cross. We all fall short of God's glory, no matter what we have or have not done. God is the Author and Finisher, the Alpha and the Omega, so there is nothing He has not seen, or has not been a part of in our lives. What does that mean for us? His love is not earned, and His joy is not circumstantial.
☐ What stands out to you in the wording "all have sinned and fall short"? How does recognizing this affect the way you see yourself and others?
Although we are created on purpose with a purpose and God wants to see us walk in that calling, our salvation and eternal life is secured through our belief in Jesus Christ. It is not through our works, it is through Jesus we are saved. It is through our works for the Kingdom that we find purpose and meaning behind our life on earth.
■ What titles or worldly identities has the world given you? What titles or worldly identities have you given yourself? Are they true? Do any of them change how God sees you?
☐ In the past, are there examples of how you've made God's love dependent on your works; are there examples of how you've made God's love dependent on your circumstances?

PRAY

Revisit the prayer requests from last week regarding the seed (desires) God has planted and if there have been action steps taken towards providing good soil for that seed. Pray for our local community in Kerrville that has been affected by the floods. Share and write down prayer requests in the group over each individual's "why".