

THE FIVE QUESTIONS OF PURPOSE

1. WHO AM I?

- Never allow what you are to define who you are. Who you are should define what you can become. Who you are is a child of God, the image of God. The Bible says, ***“We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us”*** (2Cor 5:20). We are citizens of heaven who are representing heaven on earth. We have the name and the image of God over our lives. This is who we are. It is our true identity. The world suffers from an identity crisis; if you do not know who you are, somebody else will make you what they want you to be.

2. WHERE AM I FROM?

- This question is not about ethnicity or state of origin. This is a question of identity. You cannot find out who you are until you find out where you are from and vice versa.
- You are an ambassador of heaven, that is your home country. You are a citizen of heaven, that is who you represent.

3. WHY AM I HERE?

- If you do not know who you are (or where from), then you do not know why you are here.
- You need to discover something that gives you a reason to live beyond death; biblical, morally right, and legal and
- Passion is a pre-requisite for success; making a distinction between a job (working hours) and purpose (involves goals and objectives) except where our job is part of fulfilling our purpose.
- Jesus said, ***“My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work”*** (John 4:34). For Jesus it was not just a job, it was not about food, it had nothing to do with lunchtime. It had everything to do with the will of God, his purpose.

4. WHAT CAN I DO? WHAT AM I CAPABLE OF?

- Your culture attempts to tell you what you are capable of. Do not believe other people's opinion of you. Jesus: *“... did not put his faith in men because he knew what was in men”*. John 2:24
- Jeremiah 1: 5, ***“I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born, I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations”***.
- Your purpose, your potential did not start in your mother's womb, it started before that.
- The last thing God did when he created you was to stamp his image on you: ***“Let us make men in our image, in our likeness”*** (Gen 1: 26). **The purpose of God is built into you.** His reputation and name are factored into us succeeding in His purposes and on one knows the 'product' better than the Maker. The product comes with a manual. The manual says who you are, where you are from, and what you are capable of
- Success is something that every human being wants. However, success is not defined by what others think you can do. Success is what you have done compared to what you are capable of doing. Success is determined by the measure of God. Don't get your measure from other products.
- **A new product usually comes with a warranty, and a performance guarantee.** If you use this product correctly, use the correct fuel and oil, the engine will not fail. If it fails, we will replace it at our own cost. Do you think Toyota are doing it to protect you? They are doing it to protect their name, their reputation? They will recall the product if it's found to be faulty. God has a warranty on your life, on your purpose. As long as you use the correct fuel, the correct oil, you will find success. God guarantees your success (different from a warranty) as long as you stay on purpose. The guarantee is that this vehicle will reach 200km/hr in certain road conditions, and that it will carry the rated load. That is a guarantee. **Not only does God have a warranty on your life, he has a guarantee.** You can reach your potential as long as you use the right fuel. Your maximum speed is guaranteed by God.

5. WHERE AM I GOING?

- What you are is the sum product of the decisions that you have made. Our choices will either move us closer to or away from His purposes being fulfilled in our lives.
- ***“This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you; that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live”*** (Deut 30:19).
- Even though God has a purpose for your life, he does not impose its fulfillment upon you. He advises you to choose that purpose. Choose life. The choice is yours, but God advises you to choose life.
- If you knew who you really are, you would be afraid to meet yourself right now?