

## **The Eternal Purpose**

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### **Ready:**

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.” — Luke 19:10

### **Set**

Athletes must know their purpose on the team. For example, the purpose of an offensive lineman is to protect the quarterback and create space for the running back. The purpose of a pitcher is to prevent a batter from getting a hit. On the soccer field a goalkeeper’s purpose is to keep the ball from landing in the net.

Just as athletes have a purpose, each coach has a specific purpose as well. An assistant coach may be in charge of one aspect of the team, such as serving as an offensive coordinator. Perhaps his job is to lead the team in pre-practice stretches. Head coaches have a responsibility beyond athletic training; they are called upon to mold and shape the lives of young people.

Just like in the church, everyone on a team has a specific role. If a team is to succeed, each player must use his or her talent and experience to help the team accomplish the overall purpose, which is victory. If we do not have the players with the right skills or if we fail to place a player in the proper position, the team will have difficulty attaining its goals.

Jesus had a purpose also. His was single-minded and simple: “to seek and to save the lost.” That was the reason behind his life on earth and why he chose to die on the cross: to bring us to Himself. He knows the gifts and talents of each of His players, and He knows exactly where each one should be placed. As members of “Team Jesus Christ,” we must serve our team captain with His Father’s purpose. Jesus came to earth as a man so we might worship Him for all eternity. Today, as we understand our purpose on His team, let’s serve Him by spreading His message to all who will listen.

### **Go**

1. What purpose has God given you in your current role or calling?
2. How are you serving Jesus today?
3. Do you believe that Christ died on the cross to save you personally? Won’t you turn to Him today if you have not already done so?

### **Workout**

Extra Reading: John 10:9; 14:6; Romans 5:8, Ephesians 2:8–9; 1 John 5:9–10

### **Overtime**

Father, help me today to seek Your will for my life. Thank You for creating me to help accomplish Your purposes for others. Amen.

### **Bible Reference:**

1 John 5



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