



I wanted to take a moment to wish you a Happy New Year and to share some exciting new developments that are coming to Purpose Church.

### **NEW SERIES, IN THE LIGHT**

When you find yourself in a dark and scary place a little bit of light can make all the difference. Next Sunday we begin our seven-week study of the three brief letters written by John the disciple of Jesus. Whether you are an inquirer or a long time believer, you will be surprised, challenged, and encouraged as John describes what a difference living in the Light will make in your life.

### **NEW WEEKLY STUDY GUIDE**

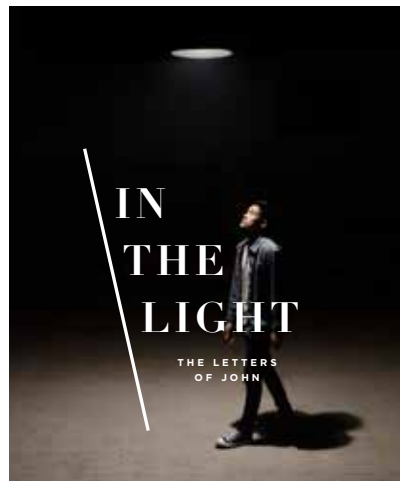
Beginning next week, you will be receiving a second page for your sermon notes. You will also receive a two-page study guide to help the impact of the sermon to continue with you throughout the week. This study guide will include suggested daily scripture readings and questions for your own personal reflection and application as well as an opportunity to use these for discussion with family, friends, or your Life Group.

### **LIFE GROUPS AND ROOTED**

We all have a need to be connected, but it is difficult to build lasting friendships. What if one simple step could change everything? Purpose Church Life Groups provide a fun, casual atmosphere where you can connect in authentic relationships in order to do life, grow, and serve together. If you have not yet experienced Rooted, we have found that it is the very best path into a Life Group. We are forming Rooted and Life Groups this week for all ages and stages in life. Come to the Connect Center so we can help you find the group that is right for you!

Excited to Journey With You!

Glenn Gunderson





We are excited to introduce our new Purpose Church Growth Binders! These binders are designed to be a simple tool to help you take your next steps to broaden and deepen your relationship with Jesus. Here is what you will find in the binders.

### **VISION, MISSION, AND VALUES**

The opening pages provide brief clear statements of our Purpose Church vision, mission, and values.

### **STUDY GUIDE - SUNDAY SERVICES**

You will notice that the study guide section of the program each week will be three hole punched. There is a section in your Growth Binder to keep these study guides so that the impact of the service will continue with you throughout each week.

### **SOAP STUDY - PERSONAL TIME**

Each week suggested daily scripture readings will be provided. Each day you will have an opportunity to take some quiet, alone time to reflect on what God wants to say to you personally. The SOAP study section of the binder contains instructions and pages to help you get the most out of your personal time reading the Bible.

### **LIFE GROUP - GROW WITH OTHERS**

When you meet with your Life Group (or join one!) you will be able to dig deeper and share the exciting things God has been stirring up in your personal and worship times. In this section of the binder you will be able to keep your Life Group study notes as well as your prayer requests.

The binders are available for \$5 next to the Connect Center. Come by and check out this helpful tool to spur on your spiritual growth.



**John 20:11-16, 18-20, 24-29**

## **WHERE IS THE WEIGHT OF EVIDENCE?**

“That state of affairs that leaves you with an abiding conviction of the truth of the matter.”  
Jason Anderson

### **FOUR QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Does it make more sense that something came from nothing or that something came from something or someone?**
  
- 2. Does it make more sense that the design of the universe happened by random chance or by a designer?**

“The community of scientists is prepared to consider the idea that God created the universe a more respectable hypothesis today than at any time in the last hundred years.”  
Fredric Burnham

“To suppose that the eye, with so many parts all working together could have been formed by natural selection seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest degree.”  
Charles Darwin

The probability of a planet anywhere in the universe fitting within all 153 parameters is approximately  $10^{194}$ . The maximum possible number of planets in the universe is estimated to be  $10^{22}$ . Thus, less than one chance in  $10^{172}$  (100 thousand trillion trillion trillion trillion trillion trillion trillion trillion trillion trillion trillion trillion) exists that even one such planet would occur anywhere in the universe.

3. **Does it make more sense that if there is a designer, that designer doesn't communicate with us or that he chooses to communicate with us?**
4. **If he does communicate, would he do it with no evidence that it is him or would he give us millions of pieces of evidence that it is him communicating?**

## **ARCHAEOLOGICAL/HISTORICAL**

### **Luke 3:1**

"The reviewer has spent many years in biblical archaeology, and, in company with his colleagues, has made discoveries confirming in outline or in detail historical statements in the Bible. He is prepared to go further and say that no archaeological discovery has ever been made that contradicts or controverts historical statements in Scripture." Dr. Nelson Glueck

## **FULFILLED PROPHECY**

**1,817 prophecies**

**27% of the Bible**

**8 of 300 ... 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000**

**48 of 300 ... 1 in 10<sup>157</sup>**

## **THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST**

## **CHANGED LIVES**

*"... He has also set eternity in the human heart ..."* **Ecclesiastes 3:11**

