

**PURPOSE CHURCH**

**SUNDAYS 8:30am | 10:00am | 11:30am**



# THE REAL JESUS

**What He Said, What He Did, and How We Follow**

**MAY 4, 2025**

# WELCOME TO PURPOSE CHURCH!

## Are you new to Purpose Church?

We are so glad you are here! We want to meet you, answer any questions you might have, and help you get connected. Come to the Connect Center located in the Lobby after the service to meet our friendly team and pick up a free gift!

## NEXT STEPS AT PURPOSE

We believe every person has a **next step** to take.  
We are here to help you discover and take yours.

Have you decided to follow Jesus?  
Do you want to get baptized?  
Do you need hope, healing and support?  
Are you looking for meaningful community?

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# EVERYONE EVERYWHERE FOLLOWING JESUS

## PRAYER

We would love to pray with you!  
Please stop by the prayer room  
after the service or submit a  
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## GIVING

We believe that generous people  
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# THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT GENDER, MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, AND SINGLENESS

*May 4, 2025 / Pastor Eric Holmstrom*

## **GOD** \_\_\_\_\_ **LOVES YOU**

Matthew 19:1-3

Lamentations 3:22-23

Psalm 36:7

John 3:16

John 14:15

## **THE** \_\_\_\_\_ **OF GENDER ACCORDING TO JESUS**

Matthew 19:4

Genesis 1:27

Genesis 2:22

Psalm 139:1, 13-14

### **How Is This Good News?**

Choosing an identity apart from Jesus will leave you unsatisfied, unfulfilled, and unsure—but resting in the identity the God who loves you gave you will bring peace and purpose!

## **THE** \_\_\_\_\_ **OF MARRIAGE ACCORDING TO JESUS**

Matthew 19:5

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Romans 1:26-27

### **How Is This Good News?**

Marriage wasn't invented by the government or a group of people, it was designed and defined by God and will only be fulfilling to us and glorifying to God if experienced His way.

## \_\_\_\_\_ **AND** \_\_\_\_\_ **ACCORDING TO JESUS**

Matthew 19:6-9

Malachi 2:16

### **How Is This Good News?**

Divorce destroys families, lives, and most importantly the miracle of God making two into one and should be avoided and resisted unless biblical grounds warrant the devastating separation!

# THE \_\_\_\_\_ ROLE OF SINGLENESS IN GOD'S KINGDOM ACCORDING TO JESUS

Matthew 19:10-12

1 Corinthians 7:6-8, 32

1 Corinthians 7:9, 39

Acts 8:26-39

Isaiah 56:1-8

## How Is This Good News?

There is a place for everyone everywhere in God's story—the eunuch, the single person, the divorced person, the married person, the person battling gender dysphoria or same-sex attraction, all of us have a place in God's story if we will submit our lives, desires, and decisions to Christ—following Him because we trust that He loves us and wants the best for us!

## REFLECT | DISCUSS | PRACTICE

1. **REFLECT:** How did God specifically speak to you through the Bible passages and sermon?
2. **DISCUSS:** Read Matthew 19:1-12. How is Jesus' teaching on gender, marriage, divorce, and singleness different from the messages we hear in the world or grew up with?
3. **DISCUSS:** What about your season right now (single, married, divorced) is gratifying, joyful, and something you are thankful for and seeing God working through?
4. **DISCUSS:** Read 1 Corinthians 7:1-40. What stands out to you about Paul's lengthy teaching on marriage, singleness, and relationships and how does it compliment what Jesus said in Matthew 19?
5. **DISCUSS:** What about your season right now (single, married, divorced) is difficult or sinful, and needs God's forgiveness, healing, and growth?
6. **PRACTICE:** Share with one Christian this week what is the single most difficult or sinful thing about your current season of life (single, married, divorced) and ask them to pray for you and hold you accountable to fleeing from sin and obeying Christ.

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**Fill in the blanks:** DEEPLY, IMPORTANCE, PURPOSE, DIVORCE, REMARRIAGE, VITAL

