

Group Reflection Questions

1. Why is it important for a church to know what its purpose is?
2. What are the implications of the words “boldly and fully” in our purpose statement?
3. Why do you show up to church on a Sunday morning? How would you explain your reason to a non-Christian?
4. What is your purpose in life? Why do you exist?
5. What are some ways you could share the reality of Christ?

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Purpose **2 Corinthians 4:13-18**

In case you haven't heard it this week, here is the purpose statement of FPC: “We exist to boldly and fully share the real life Jesus Christ offers to all.” Sounds short doesn't it? While this is a short statement it still has great depth (I can say that because I didn't write it). As we work through our core values over the next 4 weeks, I think you will find all four values reflected in this statement. Further, this question answers a very basic question: Why do we exist? Sometime churches think they exist simply because they have always existed (by the way this is a recipe for death).

The session at FPC knows there is more to church than existing. Actually in this statement we claim there is more than everyday life. Paul says: “We fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen because what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” The claim here is that there is something more real than everyday life, but we don't see it. That reality is life in Jesus Christ. Don't get confused, real reality is in Christ, in God's kingdom. Do you believe it?

