



**PURPOSE CHURCH**

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



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**JANUARY 12, 2025**

# THE REAL JESUS

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

# 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

Join us this month for 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting. Head to [purposechurch.com/prayer](https://purposechurch.com/prayer) for more information or to submit a prayer request.

## GIVING

We believe that generous people transform the world! Offering boxes are available in the lobby on Sundays or you can give online. [purposechurch.com/give](https://purposechurch.com/give)

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# HOW JESUS RE-DEFINES THE BLESSED AND PRODUCTIVE LIFE

January 12 / Pastor Eric Holmstrom

Matthew 5:1-2

Matthew 7:24, 28-29

James 1:22

## THE RE-DEFINED \_\_\_\_\_ LIFE

**Group #1** - *God's favor is upon those who are \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ yet place their trust in Him.*

Matthew 5:3-5

Psalm 147:3

**APPLICATION #1:** Next time you feel poor, sad, or powerless, re-commit to trusting God and watch for His favor upon you.

**Group #2** - *God's favor is upon those who long for and pursue  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.*

Matthew 5:6-8

**APPLICATION #2:** Ask God to develop within you a heart that knows His mercy and shows His mercy to people like us who could never earn it.

**Group #3** - *God's favor is upon those who create \_\_\_\_\_  
where there is conflict.*

Matthew 5:9-12

**APPLICATION #3:** When a conflict arises and you're being persecuted or another is being taken advantage of, look for ways to bring justice and peace for all parties involved and rejoice because God has a reward for you.

## THE RE-DEFINED \_\_\_\_\_ LIFE

Matthew 5:13-16

**APPLICATION #4:** Productivity according to Jesus is about living in your context with a vision to see everyone everywhere following Jesus in a way that's only possible by God's Spirit!

### REFLECT | DISCUSS | PRACTICE

- 1. REFLECT:** How did God specifically speak to you through the Bible passages and sermon?
- 2. DISCUSS:** How do you define a "blessed" and "productive" life? What does that look like according to the world's definition?
- 3. DISCUSS:** Read Matthew 5:1-12. Which of the groups Jesus defines as "blessed" do you most relate to right now in your season of life and why?
- 4. DISCUSS:** What promises are made by God for those who have "God's favor" (blessed) and trust in Him while experiencing pain, difficulties, and conflict?
- 5. DISCUSS:** Read Matthew 5:13-16. How are you positively influencing people to know and follow Jesus and how are you negatively influencing people away from Christ?
- 6. PRACTICE:** Read or listen to the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) at least three times this week. Then journal, go on a prayer walk, or spend some time in solitude with God and ask Him to show you areas of your life that aren't aligned with His teachings and ask Him to change you, help you find freedom, and follow Him more closely in those areas.

*For more life group, reflection, and discussion content, and to join or start a group, visit: [purposechurch.com/groups](http://purposechurch.com/groups)*

**Fill in the blanks:** BLESSED, poor, struggling, righteousness, justice, peace, PRODUCTIVE

