

Session 4: Your Purpose Statement

In this session you'll bring your three circles together and write a one-sentence purpose statement that describes your *chazown*.



As you watch Session 4 with Pastor Craig, you can follow along with these notes.

Where there is no vision, the people perish ... Proverbs 29:18 KJV

Now that you've examined your past experiences, your core values, and your spiritual gifts, ask yourself these questions:

1. Looking at where my past experiences, core values, and gifts and abilities overlap, what do they have in _____?

2. Is there something _____ I feel like God is calling me to _____, either starting now or sometime in the future?

3. Can I see a greater sense of _____ in my daily life as it is right now in this season?

Keep these things in mind as you write your purpose statement:

1. Your *chazown* will probably seem kind of _____ at first.

2. Don't feel like your *chazown* has to be _____ on your first try.

3. Your *chazown* can be _____.

4. Your *chazown's* not going to _____ itself.



To get started, open your *chazown* foldout and write in the spaces provided.

Writing your Purpose Statement

A purpose statement is a one-sentence version of God's *chazown* for your life, expressed in words that greatly motivate you to action.

Think about one action-focused sentence—a purpose statement that God will use to propel you forward for the rest of your life.

Finish this sentence:

God has created me with a dream for my life, and I think it might be...



"If you can't write anything at all, don't panic. Today is just the beginning. It may take you some time to get to a point where you can write your purpose statement." Cedric

To start the process of writing your purpose statement, choose which of the three categories you feel you fall into.

A. I know my chazown and I'm ready to write.

If you fall into this category, then skip ahead to your chazown foldout and write your purpose statement. If you finish early, you might help someone in your group that is struggling to write their purpose statement.

B. I'm pretty clear, but I need a little help.

If you fall into this category, then try using this formula to complete your purpose statement:

ACTION + WHO + HOW = CHAZOWN.

Use this purpose statement as an example: To encourage single moms to manage their homes by teaching them basic life skills.

Action = Encourage

Who = Single moms

How = Teaching basic life skills

To jumpstart your thinking, here are some possible words and phrases you can use to create your formula.

Actions	Who	How
Encourage	Children	Leading
Foster	Men	Creating
Develop	Single moms	Overcoming
Train	Teenagers	Experiencing
Use my talent	Elderly	Modeling
Speak	Families	Providing
Teach	Those in other countries	Preparing
Care	Homeless	Reconciling
Be an example	The suffering	Increasing
Host	Neighbors	Building

C. I feel completely stuck.

If you fall into this category, then begin by answering the following questions.

1. What have I always cared a lot about? What values seem to define my very core?
2. What have I always seemed especially gifted to do?
3. What have my past experiences—both good and bad—shown me about myself and my purpose in life?
4. What do my past experiences, core values, and spiritual gifts have in common?
5. Do you feel God calling you in a new direction? If so, where do you feel Him calling you?
6. Is there anywhere in your life where you may be dissatisfied? If so, where?
7. Where are you in your relationship with Christ?

Here are some examples of purpose statements that might help you in writing yours:

- To live free and lead others to freedom.
- To train children to become uncompromised disciples of Christ.
- To passionately encourage others to recognize the gifts that God has given them, so they believe in themselves.
- To develop the talents of my coworkers to their fullest extent by identifying and helping meet their developmental needs.



“Your purpose statement doesn’t have to be perfect or complete right now. Just begin to write knowing that over time your statement will probably change or be refined.” Sherryl



Talk It Over

Share your purpose statement with your group and how you brought your circles together to write it.