

Follow up Questions from message on Sunday, July 9, 2017

Created by God: Built for a Purpose | Thumbprint Within

Reread 1 Timothy 4:11-16

God's thumbprint is on you and me. When we understand who God has created us to be, it gives us clues about his plans for us. Sometimes that requires us to rethink the race we are running, because we can run someone else's race on accident; our parents, our siblings, our spouse. Paul affirms Timothy, in 1 Timothy, and in so doing gives him the encouragement to keep running his own race. Affirming your spiritual gifts is a powerful way to find the clues that lead us to the race God has prepared for us.

1. Share with the group a time when you wrestled over purpose?
2. Pastor Jon mentioned that one of the highest obstacles we face when finding purpose is the tendency to run another person's 'race'? What do you think that means?
3. Have you been guilty of racing someone else's race? If so, who? Why?
4. If it is true that God has a race that is set out specifically for you, what do you think it is?
5. In the message Pr. Jon repeated that "God's Thumbprints on you are clues to his Plan for you." What does that mean to you?
6. God doesn't compare us to others so why do we oftentimes compare ourselves to the race others run?
7. Read 1 Timothy 4:14. How do you know if you are neglecting the gifts God has given you?
8. In our message Pastor Jon mentioned two ways to find your race: Know your gifts, and look for opportunities to leverage your gifts. What spiritual gifts have been given to you?
9. What opportunities would you like to explore even though you don't feel equipped?
10. How can this group pray for the race God has set out for you?