

Oceanside Connect Group Outline

Week of June 12th, 2016



THERE'S PURPOSE WHERE YOU ARE CRAIG MEYER

Key Scriptures:

Ephesians 4:1–3 (ESV)

¹ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:17–24 (ESV)

¹⁷ Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹ They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰ But that is not the way you learned Christ! — ²¹ assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²² to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Discussion questions from this week's sermon

If you were to ask people in Nanaimo, “what is the main restricting factor in your life?” – **what would they say?**

Have you ever put higher expectations on how others should be serving God than you've put on yourself?

Craig, on Sunday, said that we do this because we believe others are not limited, like we are limited, by the circumstances that we are in. **Do you think that it is easier for God to use other people based on their circumstance?**

In Ephesians 4:1, Paul calls himself “a prisoner for the Lord.” **Why did he say that? What authority was Paul giving his in-prison circumstance?**

How often have we used circumstance to postpone God's mission?

What is the chief limiting factor in your life? And, if that limiting factor stays there, is it possible for God still to work in it?

Craig, on Sunday, asked us to write down what is the purpose of our life, or what we are living for. **Is this something you had to think about, or was it something that you immediately knew?**

A ship is steered by its rudder. **What has been the rudder in your life over the last few months?**

Should we let circumstance be the rudder of our lives or should the rudder be the purpose of our lives? How can we properly live this out?

What will be the fruit of getting this right? Do you have a testimony of God working in spite of a limitation?