

## PURPOSE ASSIGNMENT GUIDE

We all want to live with purpose. We want our lives to count for something greater than ourselves. In this session, we'll work to align our passions, priorities, relationships, and rhythms of life with the purposes of Christ. As we live on purpose, we become more like Jesus and also inspire others to follow him.

### VERSE

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples."

(John 13:34–35)

*This verse should be used for memorization or meditation until the next meeting.*

### CONTEXT | JOHN 13

These verses come toward the end of the last meal Jesus had with his disciples. This meal was part of Passover, a celebration that pointed back to God's protection of his people when they were enslaved in Egypt (read Exodus 12) around 1200 BC. John 13 describes Jesus washing the disciples' feet prior to Judas leaving to betray Jesus. Then Jesus gives a new command for his followers, to love one another as he has loved them. Jesus's disciples will be known by their love of God and their love for others, and the next day Jesus would put on a demonstration of love on the cross that would give these verses a whole new meaning.

### PRAYER PRACTICE

In this session, you will be using [The Prayer Practice: Practicing the Way](#) guide. Read *Keep Going* and reflect on your daily rhythms of prayer. It's our hope that by now you would have a daily prayer habit. Try to expand this morning by adding a second time and place to pause for a moment of daily prayer.

As you pray this month, spend some time thinking through these questions:

- What was your prayer practice like prior to LDG?
- Which of the prayer practices were the most meaningful and why?
- How has your relationship with God been shaped by practicing prayer?

### REFLECTION EXERCISES

Read [God In My Everything](#) by Ken Shigematsu and answer the following questions:



- Part 1: If every person lives by a conscious or unconscious pattern of practices or habits that shape them, how would you describe your current practices/habits or “rule” that you live by?
- Part 2: Complete the “Writing Your Rule” reflection question on pages 54, 68, and 78.
- Part 3: Complete the “Writing Your Rule” reflection question on pages 93, 108, and 120.
- Part 4: Complete the “Writing Your Rule” reflection question on pages 137, 150, and 165.
- Part 5: Complete the “Writing Your Rule” reflection question on pages 184, 197, and 214.

**Write** a reflection on the book. Use the [LDG Book Reflection Guide](#) as a resource.

**Create** a “Rule of Life” (See *God In My Everything*) pages 219–227.

**Review** your letter to God from Session 2 where you answered the question, “Where are you spiritually?” After reviewing, complete the letter from God.

**Write** a letter from God. Use these following questions for direction:

- How would God describe your relationship with him?
- What unique purposes has he designed you for?
- What does God want you to change in your life that would lead to a thriving relationship with him?
- How does God want you to engage in the life and mission of the church?

