
The Purpose of Purpose

Mark 12:28-34 and Matthew 28:18-20

Purpose: “Who am I?” and “What do I do?”

1. The Church: “Who are we?”

- We are the Body of Christ
- We are the Family of God
- We are a Spiritual House
- We are the Bride of Christ

2. The Church: “What do we do?”

- We live out “The Great Commandment”
- We live out “The Great Commission”

The Purpose of East Hills:

We are connecting people to God,

Each Other and a Purposeful life.

Example:

Going Deeper

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Day 1: Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (above)

- This passage is known as “The Shema.” In traditional Jewish prayer practice, these lines were combined with other passages, and were prayed in the morning and the evening. Today is different than we've been doing. Spend time memorizing these two verses...recite them out loud each morning this week starting today!

Day 2: Deuteronomy 6:4-5

- Today, reflect on the passage and what it means. Do you really believe it and live it. Don't forget to recite and memorize!

Day 3: Mark 12:28-34

- Review your sermon notes. Look at vs 34...why do you think they didn't ask him more questions and do you agree with what Pastor John said about why he was “not far” from the Kingdom. What do you think?

Day 4: Matthew 28:18-20

- Review your sermon notes. Do you “disciple” by going, baptizing, and teaching? Why or why not? Talk to God about it...

Day 5: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

- How are you actively part of the body? How else should you be?

Day 6: Mark 3:31-33

- Who is part of God's family? What do you think about the point Jesus was making here?

Day 7: Ephesians 5:25-27

- What does Christ do for the church according to this passage?

How does it describe the church (which includes you)?

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