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## One day that changed everything

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#### Lord over the storm

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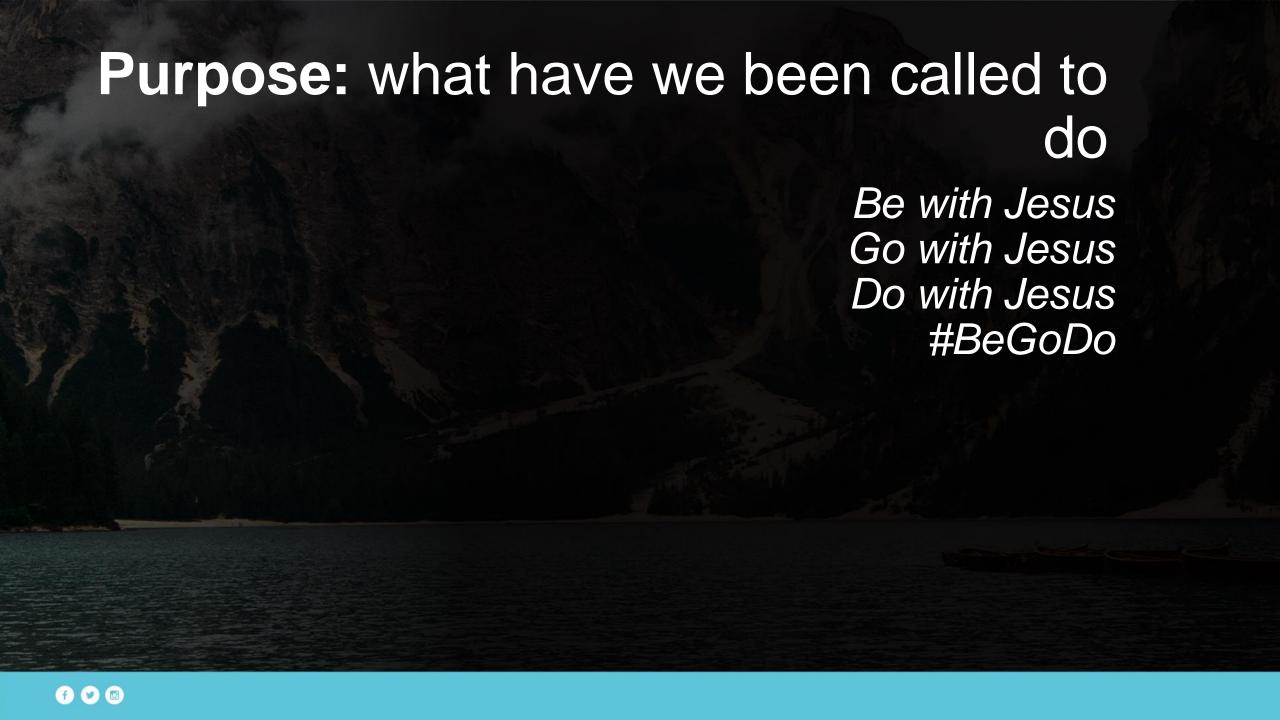
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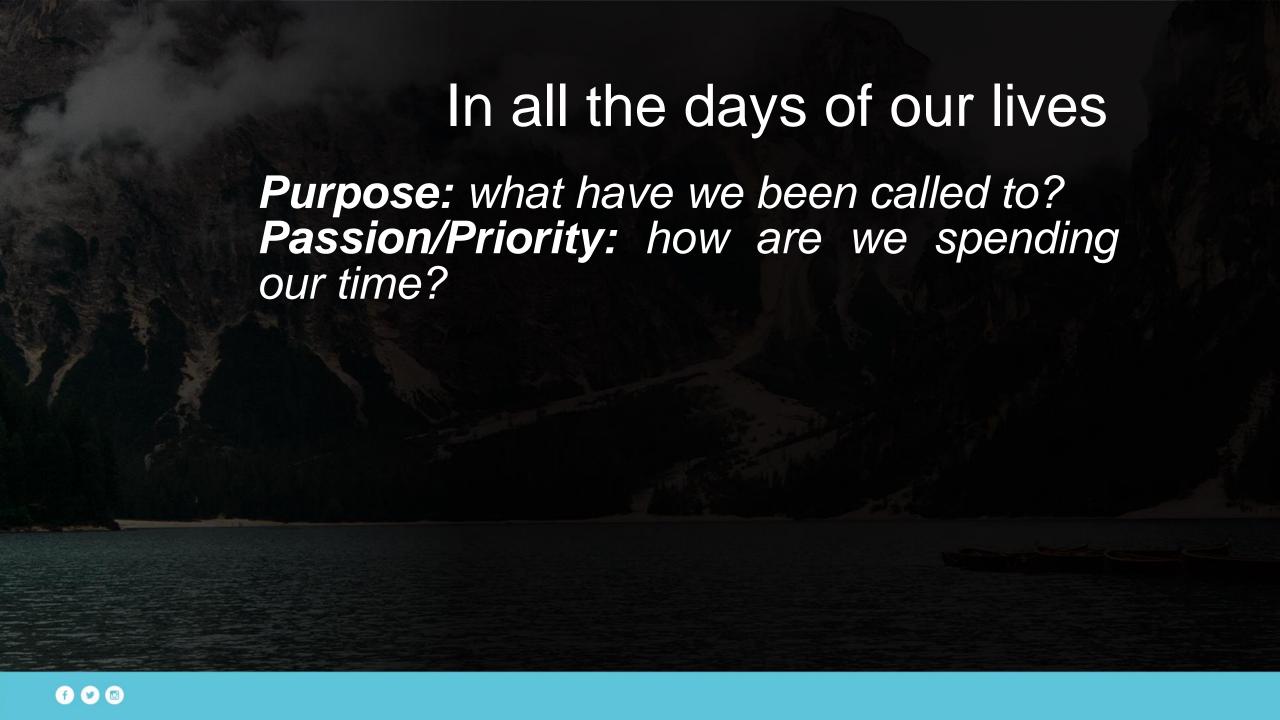
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People: who are with us?

Provision: what is in our hands?

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## **Priorities:** how are we spending our time?

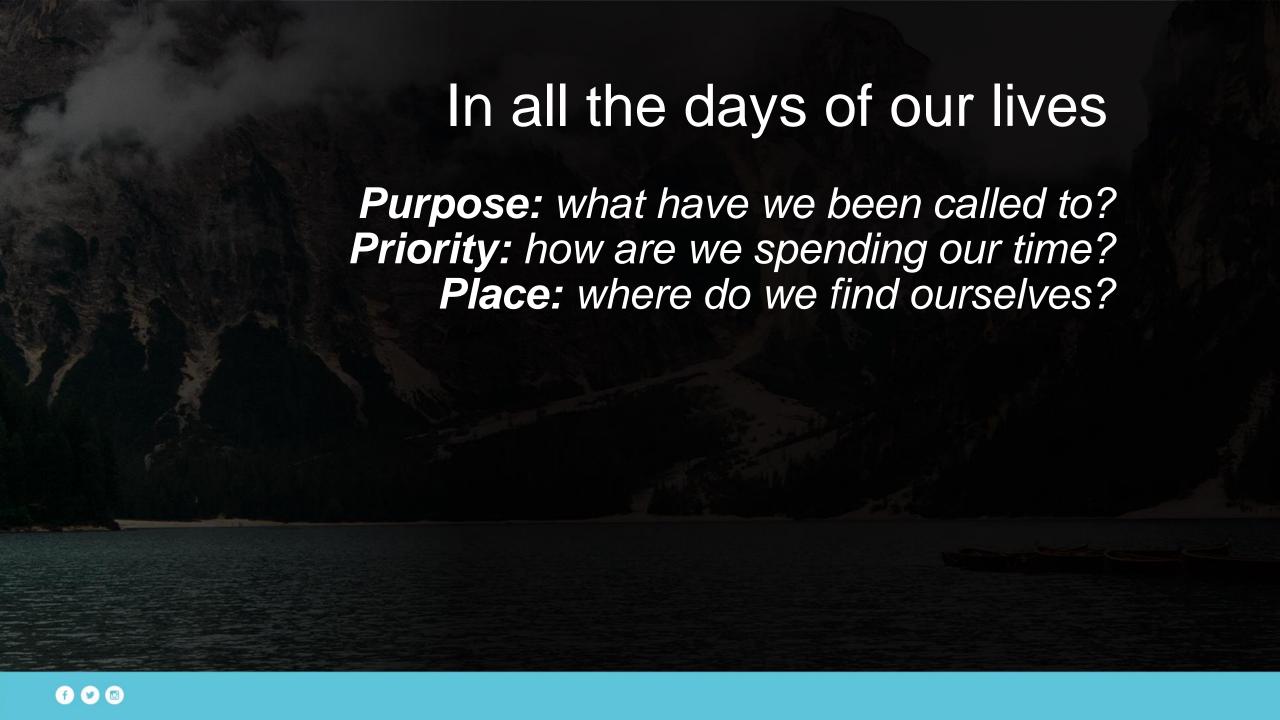
12 So teach us to number our days, that we may cultivate and bring to You a heart of wisdom.

Psalm 90:12 (Amplified)

### Priorities: how are we spending our time

How we spend our days, determine our "times/seasons" of revelation and impact.

#bigdoors #smallhinges



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"Without an adequate place to gather, [religious groups] miss opportunities to assemble in study, service, and prayer. The stakes are high for towns, too. Churches, synagogues, and mosques influence life well outside their walls: People who belong to religious institutions are more civically engaged than their secular neighbours.

They are more likely to serve on school boards, volunteer at charities, and join clubs. In the absence of these institutions, communities can become fractured and isolated. Neighbourly infrastructure decays."

https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2017/ 11/rluipa/543504/

"Thus, the architecture and aesthetics of our houses of worship—what we see, hear, feel, even smell—invariably shape our communion with Christ and one another week after week."

Duke Kwon ,www.thegospelcoalition.org, The underrated value of church buildings.

How does our purpose to be with Christ and to become like Him find expression in the physical space in which we live?

Your room and house Your car, on the train Your office space and company Your house and neighbourhood Your classroom and school Your small group and Sunday gathering

## In all the days of our lives

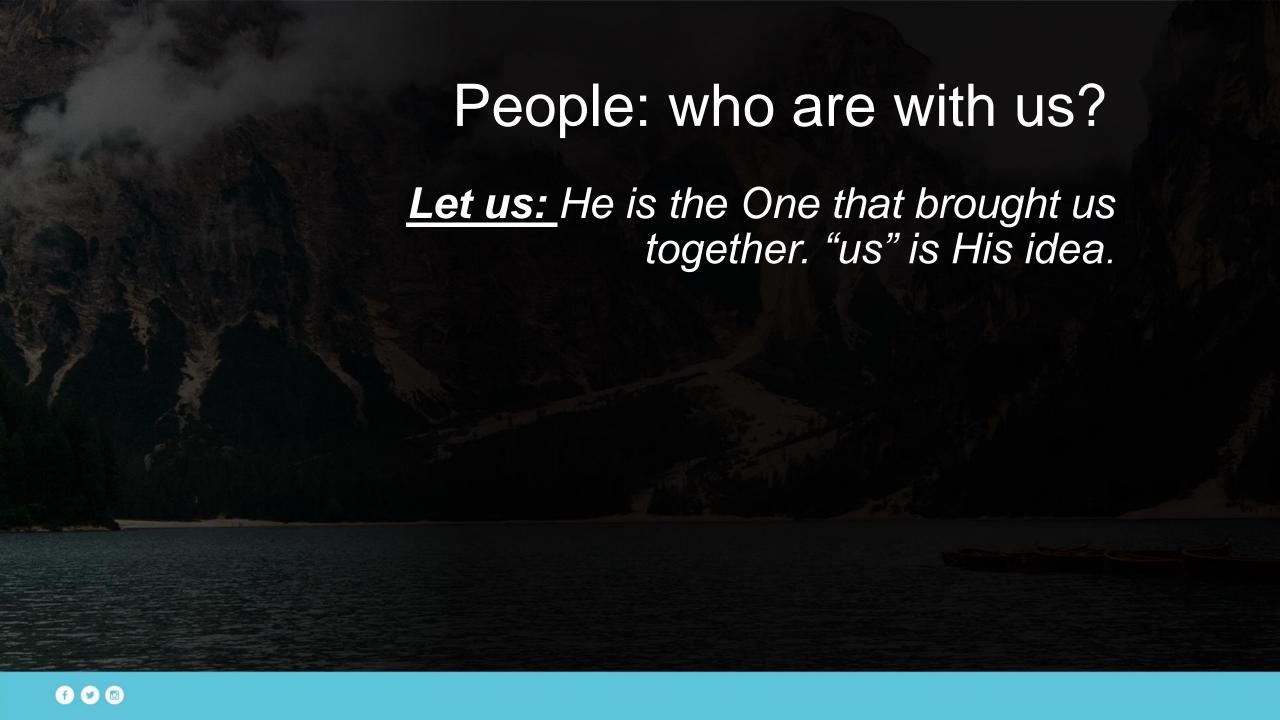
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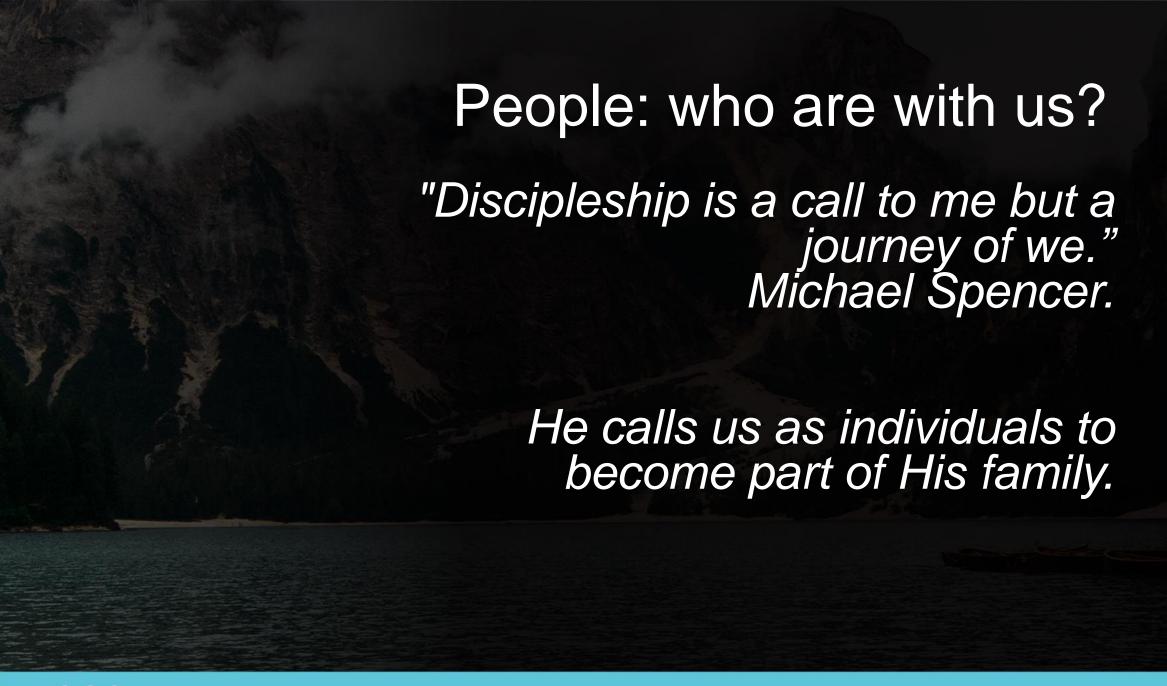


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John 13:35(ESV)

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John 13:35(AMP)



12 Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.

Hebrews 3:12(ESV)

13But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. 14For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. 15As it is said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

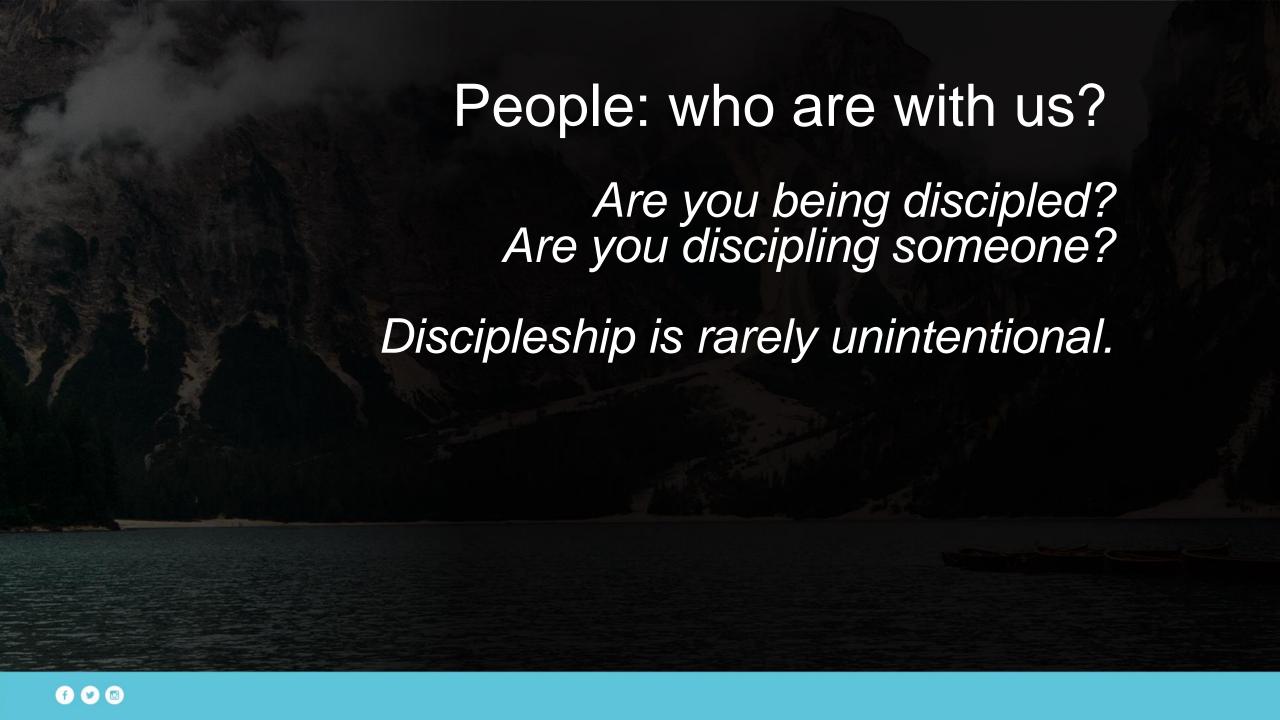
Hebrews 3:13 (ESV)

"Paul uses the term "one another" I think its 34 times in his letters, ..... We need to be a community that supports one another and above all supports one another in the sort of habits that form Christian character."

Bishop Graham Cray, as quoted by James Poch, Holy Grit

To seekers as well as to its own flock, the Church must now announce, "If you desire a transformed life, you must be transformed within the church. If you would find your life, you must lose it within a redeemed and redemptive community that together lives the manner of abundant and exceptional life that God intended for us".

> p.18, It takes a church to raise a Christian, Dr T Bolsinger



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Luke 8:22 (ESV)







## Provision: what do we have to get to the other side/what is in our hands?

9But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (ESV)

## Provision: what do we have to get to the other side?

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

2 Peter 1:3 (ESV)

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8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 1:8

## What is He saying to you today?

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