

Discussion Guide

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For Such A Time As This: Week 1

Heart Before Hustle

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Main Idea

This new series, *For Such A Time As This*, reminds us that God's purpose is always connected to the posture of our hearts. We often want the promise, the platform, and the provision—but before God releases any of that, He checks our willingness, obedience, and generosity. Purpose isn't powered by hustle; it's unlocked through obedience. When our hearts are aligned with God's, we find that He doesn't promote performance—He promotes trust. He's not looking for perfection; He's looking for a willing heart.

Anchor Passage

"Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life." Proverbs 4:23 (NLT)

1. A Willing Heart Positions Us for Purpose.

David's word "surely" in Psalm 23:6 isn't wishful thinking—it's unshakable faith built on experience. From Joseph in the pit to Israel in the wilderness to Peter after failure, Scripture shows that God's goodness doesn't give up on us—it finds us. Even when others may walk away, God's goodness remains faithful, not fragile. When we follow the Good Shepherd, everything changes.

Read: Isaiah 1:19, Philippians 2:13, 2 Chronicles 16:9, Luke 5:4–6

Discussion: When have you felt God prompting you to do something that didn't make sense at the time, yet later you saw His purpose in it? What makes it difficult to stay willing when the next step looks uncertain, and how can we remind one another that God works through a surrendered heart?

2. Obedience is the Bridge Between the Promise and the Provision.

Peter's miracle came not from his effort, but from obedience. When we respond with "If You say so," even after disappointment, God fills what's been empty. Obedience may not always make sense in the natural, but it always moves heaven.

Read: Psalm 37:23, John 14:23

Discussion: When have you experienced God's mercy meeting you in a place of failure or regret, and how did it change the direction of your story? Who in your life may need to hear a message of mercy instead of judgment, and how can you reflect God's grace to them this week?

3. HIS PRESENCE IS OUR FOREVER HOME.

Generosity is never about money—it's about mastery. It reveals who truly rules our hearts. When God blesses us, it's not to make us comfortable but to make us capable of building His Kingdom. When we pour out what He pours in, others see His goodness through us.

Read: Matthew 6:21, 2 Corinthians 9:6–8, 2 Corinthians 9:11, Galatians 6:9

Discussion: Where in your life has generosity—of time, words, or resources—brought unexpected joy or impact? What fears or habits can keep people from living generously, and how can we encourage each other to trust that everything we give, God multiplies?

SUMMARY

God is not looking for the most gifted—He's looking for the most willing. When our hearts are surrendered, our obedience becomes the bridge to God's provision, and our generosity becomes proof that He has our hearts. If we guard our hearts, keep our "yes" on the table, and move when He says move, we'll discover that purpose flows from posture, not performance. Purpose begins when we put **heart before hustle**.

CALL TO ACTION

Guard Your Heart: Be intentional about what you allow to take root in your mind and emotions. Protect your peace and your perspective.

Say Yes Again: Revisit an area where you've been hesitant to obey and ask God for the courage to say, "If You say so."

Practice Generosity: Find one practical way to give this week—your time, your words, or your resources. Watch how God multiplies what you release.

GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

Object Lesson: “The Overflow Test”

Bring two clear cups and a pitcher of water. Fill one cup halfway (representing a guarded heart) and one all the way to the brim (representing a heart filled with God). Pour both into a shallow pan.

Teaching Point:

When your heart is full of God, generosity and obedience flow naturally. When it's half-guarded or distracted, there's no overflow. Purpose comes from a full heart.