

Notes | July 27, 2025

Hymns Series | Medley of Hymns

Purpose changes everything. When you discover why you are here and who you are living for, it becomes hard to look at life the same way. Your priorities, your relationships, your work, and your joy... they all change when purpose steps into the picture. Scripture tells us that God is the potter, and we are the clay. Our lives may feel messy, unfinished, or even broken, but in His hands, we are being shaped into something meaningful.

The journey begins with surrender – trusting the One who made you to shape your life in ways you couldn't on your own. He uses your wiring, your experiences, and even your pain to form something new and beautiful. This week is an invitation to trust your Creator and let Him lead you into the life you were made for.

Key Scripture | Jeremiah 18:1-6

"This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message." So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working on the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me. He said, "Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?" declares the Lord. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel."

Related Scriptures

Matthew 16:24-26, Ephesians 2:10, 1 Corinthians 10:31, 1 Peter 2:9, Hebrews 12:1-2, Proverbs 3:5-6, Psalm 16:11, 1 Corinthians 15:58, 2 Timothy 2:20-23

Icebreakers:

Q: Is there a hymn you grew up hearing or singing that still sticks with you today?



Key Thoughts and Reflections:

L. Control Vs. Surrender

Q: Have you ever felt like "marred clay" – flawed or broken – and wondered if God could still use your story? Does knowing that God desires to use you change the way you see yourself and your past?

Q: Holding tightly to our plans can cost us the real purpose we were made for. What areas of your life are you currently trying to "save" or control instead of surrendering to God's shaping? What does that look like for you?

Q: What might it look like for you to give up the world – things like approval, comfort, or security – in order to gain a clear vision for what truly matters?

II. Universal vs. Unique Purpose

Q: As followers of Jesus, we all share one universal purpose: to live on mission with Him by knowing, honoring, and glorifying His name, to make disciples of all people, and to love as he loves. What might it look like for you to step deeper into this universal purpose?

Q: On the other side of the coin, each of us has a unique purpose. What special gifts, passions, or experiences have shaped you and might point to your unique calling?

Q: Would you say you have clarity on the unique purpose God created you for? What do you sense God is uniquely calling you to do with your life?

III. What vs. Why, How, and for Who?

Q: Culture tells us our job should give us fulfillment. But what if it's simply the place God put you to use as a canvas for you to live out your purpose? How does that reframe the way you look at your work?

Q: God has called each of us to live on mission. Where has God strategically placed you to be a missionary in disguise?

Q: Can you think of a time when losing sight of your purpose led to unhealthy choices? What changed when you re-centered on God's purpose for you?

Get Practical

This week, set aside time to pray "God, show me how You see me. Show me the ways that You created me on purpose, the unique gifts You placed inside of me. Reveal the experiences that You brought me through or to, the passions and wiring You gave me, the things that You have wired for me to CARE deeply about. In Jesus name, amen." God has a purpose for your life, and Growth Track is a great place to start discovering it. It is designed to help you know God, find freedom, discover your purpose, and make a difference. To jump in next Sunday, register here!