Prayer: Pursing my Purpose

To pursue my purpose I pray . . . . . . . . . . 1:9

<sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and in discernment, <sup>10</sup> so that you may be able to understand what is best & you may be pure & blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

To pursue my purpose I pray . . . . . . . . 1:10

Everyone who has this hope in themselves purifies themselves, even as He is pure. 1 John 3:3

## To pursue my purpose I pray . . . . . . . . . 1:11

The Son is the visible image of the invisible God; the origin over all creation. For in Him all things were created... All things were created through Him and for Him. Colossians 1:15-17

It is good to praise the Lord... Psalm 92:1-8

## My prayer points, 27 August 2017

## This week's song selection

Father God I wonder... I will sing Your praises / Holy, holy, holy / All I wanna do is praise Your name / Heaven came down and glory filled my soul / God is our strength and refuge / How deep the Father's love for us / Purify my heart / See Him coming.

## For personal reflection, or group discussion

- 1. Organisations and teams have Purpose statements. What are some benefits for individuals, couples and families to also state their Purpose?
- 2. What are some ways in which prayer helps me fulfil my purpose?
- 3. Read Philippians 1:9. a) Why does this prayer begin with abounding love; and b) why are these two foundations necessary for love to abound?
- 4. What is the difference between being pure and being blameless (v10), and why are both necessary for the Last Day?
- 5. Read Philippians 1:11. a) Why is righteousness described as a fruit or a result; and b) why does it come through Jesus; and c) how does it produce glory and praise to God?
- 6. Which words in Philippians 1:9-11 are most meaningful for you today?

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