

CORE—NEW Lesson 6 (2025-26 edition) Facilitator’s Guide:

The Purpose I Pursue—Finding Purpose in Ministry & “Smaller” Groups
For Bible Classes, Small Groups, Family Studies, & Individual Studies

Aim: To help those in your group identify, specify, and commit to being involved in a ministry and smaller group through College Church to help spiritually serve and be served, feed & be fed.

Key Bible Verse: Eph 4:1b—“I urge you, therefore, to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.”

Special Note: Remember, no new content needs to be shared in these facilitated CORE classes other than what is below. The sermon is intended to provide the biblical foundation and personal inspiration for class time. Teachers can then help move students through the discussion, activity, and self-made commitments by gentle prompts and continual encouragement. The evidence of a good facilitated class is when students speak more than the facilitator. May God bless this study.

Bible Class Welcome & Prayer (3-4 minutes)

- **Review** the purpose of CORE (to know, live, and share the Christian Faith) & discuss progress so far in personal, family, & class goals.
- **Ice Breaker:** Who are some active members at College Church who inspire you with their ministry and mentoring?

Discussion (about 30-35 minutes)

1. Ministry Fair Discussion (15 mins)

- a. On the dry erase board, how many of the 22+ ministries at College Church can we name, and let’s put a check-mark by those that at least 1 class member is involved in?
 - i. Here is [a list of the 22+ ministries](#) that will be at the February Ministry Fair.
- b. How did you get involved in a ministry area at College Church, and what does your ministry do?
- c. What ministry are you looking to visit at the Fair, and is there 1 ministry that our class could invest in this year?

2. Smaller Group Discussion (15 mins)

- a. How many “smaller groups” at College Church can we name (a “Smaller Group” is being defined as any group beyond the AM Worship Service and AM Bible class that allows one to feed and be fed by someone spiritually), and let’s put a checkmark by those that at least 1 class member is involved in?
 - i. Here’s a STARTING [list of the “Smaller Groups”](#) available through CC. Others could be Sun night worship, Wed night Bible class, a home Bible study, men’s prayer group, women’s Bible study, 4-person disciple group, morning coffee & service.
 - ii. Please make a note of any smaller groups that are “open” for College Church members to join that are not already listed on the link above. Share them with the church office to add to our brochures.
- b. How did you get involved in your “Smaller Group,” and what are some of the benefits of “Smaller Groups” from your experience with them?

3. Bible Class Discipling 3,000 Mission (5 mins)

- a. Does anyone remember our Bible Class’s D3 Mission from last Feb’s Ministry Fair? How are we doing with that? What are our next steps—do we want to keep it, change it, or plan a next phase?

Going Deeper Homework—B.A.T. Challenge for the Month:

- **B**elieve – What is your calling and purpose? Consider what the Bible says about the talents God has given to you, how we all have Spiritual Gifts, and how we should all use our gifts for the building up of the body of Christ and world. What verses can you find in the Bible about this?
- **A**ct – Identify your Spiritual Gifts, your Talents, and what you are currently doing to use them in Ministry for God. What else could you do?
- **T**each – Help someone else identify their Spiritual Gifts and Purpose for using them in Ministry. Join a “Smaller Group” or welcome someone into your “Smaller Group” so that they can grow in their calling and purpose.

12 Spiritual Disciplines Challenge (Try to complete all 12 by the end of the 12 month study of CORE):

1. **Write a Letter to God:** Express your heart’s deepest thoughts to your creator and Lord in writing.
2. **Play with Others:** Have fun with family, friends, neighbors, or acquaintances as service to God.
3. **Hospitality:** Use your home, money, resources, or time to care for someone else’s needs.
4. **Sabbath Keeping:** Choose a day to break from your regular routine. Prepare ahead of time and make sure that others can sabbath with you.
5. **Submission to God:** Submit to the Word of God in a specific area where you have been resisting him.
6. **Pray for the Success of a Competitor:** Seek God on behalf of someone with whom you don’t always see eye-to-eye.
7. **Secret Service:** Do good for someone without drawing attention to your act.
8. **Deaccumulation:** Get rid of something that you do not need or something you value as a gift for another.
9. **No Gossip Day:** Do not spread true or false information about others that ought not be shared.
10. **Fast:** Give up a meal, social media, or even speaking for a day to devote more time to God and others.
11. **Worship:** Spend time in extended prayer, singing, reading/memorizing scripture, meditation with God.
12. **Custom Discipline:** Choose your own spiritual discipline to observe alone or with others for a set time.

Complete & Take a Picture of Page 24 in the CORE notebook, then take a pic to share with the “CORE Leaders Group” on the CC App.