



**11am Bible Study:** Pastor Will Lloyd, IV, M.T.S.

**Topic:** United In Purpose  
**Chapters:** Topical **January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Central Text: Matthew 16:23, NKJV,** 23 But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are **an offense** to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.”

**Question:** How do we become united in purpose?

**1. See Things Through Jesus’ Purpose - Matthew 16:21-23, NKJV,** 21 From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. 22 Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!” 23 But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.”

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**Question for Dialogue:** What are some emotions we go through when things in life don’t go as we planned?

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**2. Commit Our Life To Jesus’ Purpose - Matthew 16:24-25, NKJV,** 24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, *let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.* 25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but *whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.*”

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**We have Power to pull it off: Acts 1:8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses...Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

**Question for Dialogue:** We’ve abandoned many things to follow Jesus. **What did you find out about life after you repented of your sins and followed Jesus as Lord of your life?**

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**3. Realize Our Deeds Are Judged By Jesus’ Purpose Matthew 16:26-27, NKJV,** 26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? 27 For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then *He will reward each according to his works.*

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**Question For Dialogue:** Faithfully living for Jesus will be rewarded. There’s a hymn titled “Only What You Do For Christ Will Last,” which points to the type of activity that should be primary in our lives. **What are some tips to evaluate our daily actions and decisions to ensure they align with God’s will?**

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