

St Martins C3 – August 9, 2026

Rooted - Purpose

Sermon Notes:

Read Colossians 2:6-7

We have seen how knowing Jesus gives us security, fills our life with significance, shows that we are loved, and brings ultimate freedom. Today, we will see that being rooted in Jesus gives us purpose.

We need to reject empty purposes and to discover God given purposes. These purposes satisfy your deeply and help you honour God.

The purpose of our lives can be split into three parts:

Identity	Calling	Role
The purpose for all	Our particular purpose	Progress in Our Efforts
First Purpose	Second Purpose	Third Purpose

If we make the most important thing the roles that we do it leads to over identification with our job, a frail sense of self and connection to God.

First Purpose: Identity

The purpose of all people is to discover their identity in Christ. They need to know they are significant loved by him.

Read Colossians 1:21-22; 3:12; 3:4

As we discover Jesus our past is redeemed; we discover we are children of God and live with the hope of humanity.

Exercise: Read through these scriptures and the sermon notes and meditate on what they mean for your identity._

Second Purpose: Calling

Our secondary calling is our macro purpose. The ways God wants to use us to further His Kingdom on the planet.

Read Colossians 1:1; 23; 28-29; 2:2; 3:10; 4:3; 4:12

Exercise: A – Write ten-twenty answers to the question: Who Am I? B - Consider your passions, skills, and understanding of the world's need? C – Think about what your role says about your calling.

Third Purpose: Role

Our most visible calling is the role we find ourselves in. That is the job we do, or the serving we are involved with.

Read Colossians 2:1; 3:18; 20-23; 4:1,11,17

Exercise: List what it would look like to make the next step of progress in your life._

Read Colossians 3:23

Questions for Connect Groups:

Key Point

We find our identity in Christ and discover His calling and grow in the roles that work that out.

Questions

What stood out to you from this week's message?

What does this message tell you about God and humans?

What would be the issues with making your role your identity or your calling?

How can you prevent this from happening?

Identity: To what extent have you internalised your identity in Christ? How can you do so more?

Calling: How easy do you find it to articulate your calling?

What are some of the purposes God has called you to?

How can our non-Church, non-missional work be a calling?

Role: What are the key roles you would like to see progress in right now?

How can the group support you in making progress in these roles?

What changes if you do everything to the glory of God?

Monday Devotion: A Forgiven Identity

This week we have challenged you to read some scriptures and let them fuel a new sense of identity. The first part of our identity to grasp is that we are forgiven. We are removed from darkness, sin, and shame and free in Christ's Kingdom.

Scripture

Colossians 1:27; Colossians 2:12

Observation (What stands out to you?)

Application (What will you do?)

Prayer (What do you want to say to God?)

Tuesday Devotion: Complete

What does it look like to be complete? To have everything you need and be fully satisfied. It's not success, position or approval. You are complete in Jesus. As we unite through Christ, we discover that all of our strength and power comes from him.

Scripture

Colossians 2:10

Observation (What stands out to you?)

Application (What will you do?)

Prayer (What do you want to say to God?)

Wednesday Devotion: Share His Glory

Part of our identity in Christ is our assurance of the future. If Christ lives in us, we know we will share His glory. This means we walk around daily not only with the hope of heaven but knowing we can bring God's future forward now.

Scripture

Colossians 1:13-14

Observation (What stands out to you?)

Application (What will you do?)

Prayer (What do you want to say to God?)

Thursday Devotion: A New Self

I love these verses. They don't deny our race, background or life circumstances. But they give us an identity that is above all things – our identity is as a renewed child of God. He is all that matters and we need to spend time pondering this reality.

Scripture

Colossians 3:10-11

Observation (What stands out to you?)

Application (What will you do?)

Prayer (What do you want to say to God?)

Friday Devotion: Part of a New Family

This week we have seen that our identity is found in our relationship with Jesus. This includes our connection with the church. Our identity is tied up with our connection with others in the body. Commit to being part of the church this week.

Scripture

Colossians 3:15

Observation (What stands out to you?)

Application (What will you do?)

Prayer (What do you want to say to God?)
