



## Our Purpose: Knowing God's Role For Us

### 1 Corinthians 12-13 | Kevin Yule

**Introduction:** Two weeks ago we discussed how God uniquely gifted us through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us. Then last week we reflected on our personal story and the experiences, influences, and people God has orchestrated in our journey. We call the point where your personal story and spiritual gifting meet “the divine intersection,” or the awareness of how God is leading you to live your life for him.

**Commentary.** Throughout the apostle Paul's life, God created intersections between Paul and other people. Paul's only aim was to finish the assignment God gave him (cf. Acts 20:24). Part of your life stewardship is to finish the assignment God has given to you.

#### Group Discussion:

1. Can you identify an example in our own life where a decision/position led to an eventual God-ordained opportunity?
2. Do you know what your life calling is? Why might you be unclear? Age? Lack of life experiences? Newness in Christ?
3. Share the names of important people who have contributed to your life story. Specifically, reflect on the growth, skills, values, and opportunities that may have come about from each relationship.
4. Is there an area of your life you can invite God to redeem, perhaps a past event or influence that might be painful or something that does not seem to have much value prior to now?
5. Has the pursuit of your assignment been disrupted by circumstances that you could not control? What gets in the way now? What would recalibration look like?
6. Can you begin identifying themes from your life story that emerge via strengths, experiences, spiritual gifts? For example, God gave several “teaching” opportunities, or perhaps “caring for the needy” surfaced many times in your life story.
7. Based on what you know today, what do you think God's assignment for you might be? Can you write it in a succinct sentence? Your life assignment ought to be such that it has applications in whatever season of life you are in. An example would be, “God has designed me with a passion to create ministry opportunities and then to build, teach, train, and empower leaders to take ownership so they can flourish.” (Note: this life assignment has key words that emerged from the spiritual gift assessment in week 1 and incorporates many aspects of a personal life story.)