**LTCL 2024 Week 2 Ppt CF Notes:**

**Slide 1 -** LTCL Week 2

CRAIG - Welcome STEINER, No Prayer Yet, Pray After Video​

Here is the Michael W. Smith song I play at the beginning of LTCL. Video is 1:34​
[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-P6EDiBlYWQ**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-P6EDiBlYWQ)**​**

**Slide 2** - I Don’t Have To Fret, Don’t Have to Explain. All My Worrying’s In Vain

CRAIG - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-P6EDiBlYWQ​

My life is like a racing car hurtling towards the wall. At the speed of sound. My time has been so finely tuned. But I've never seen a human being so tightly wound. At times it seems beyond belief. I just need a bit of relief. Like a war-weary soldier. Marching up and over the edge. Take my hand and pull me up cause I'm falling too fast. Somehow I've lost my way - I'm cryin' save me​

Chorus. Can you hear me.I'm calling out. I'm crying out.a cry for love. I can feel you.you're touching me. You healing me...my cry for love​

Do you feel like this song describes your life? It is going at the speed of sound, you are tightly wound, tired like war weary soldier and somehow you've lost your way.

Part of you taking this workshop maybe you are crying out, calling out for things to be different.

**Slide 3 -** If you think you’ve blown God’s plan for your life, rest in this. you my friend are not that powerful

CRAIG **-** I bet you’d never think I would quote Mike Tyson, the boxer, in a church workshop. Mr. Tyson says that ​

“Everybody has a plan until they get punched in the face”. ​

Listening to people’s stories, some of you felt like you were on track to follow God’s plan until life happened. ​

A bad job, sin, a bad relationship, a health crisis, struggling kids, or you feel like a major transition is going on in every part of your life or a variety of other reasons have caused you to feel like you got off course. ​

But believe me, my beautiful friend, you are not that powerful to mess up God’s plan. God can redeem any lost years and He never wastes a hurt. There is always a reason He allowed that hurt. ​

Father, We do cry out to you. We need you desperately. We cry for you in humility, and gratitude and love, for your plans, not our plans. For those of us whose life is like a race car I pray you’d help us slow down to see you at work and to smell the roses. For those of us who are tightly wound up I pray that you would help us not spin out of control but to depend on you. Take our hand Lord, for we are weary. Show us the way. Show me the way. We’re weary of doing life in our on strength. We want your plan and we want your Kingdom come. Forgive us to doing it our way and for the wrong reasons. Heal our hearts. Turn our desires and our affections back to you. We want you glorified.

**Slide 4** - A-HA! Hearing From God!

CRAIG - Reminder about you’re a-Ha page at the back of your handout.

(Becky is addressing in week 1, so no need to elaborate.)

**Slide 5** – Experiencing God book graphic/Homework & Check In Discussion

CRAIG - Have you made any adjustments based on this insight?

**Slide 6** - (Definition graphic) Key Terms Defined

​CRAIG - If you were to go to amazon and search for titles with Passion, Mission or Calling in the title or subject, the search result would say “more than 60,000 titles!” We’ve read at least a dozen! There’s a lot to say on this topic and as we researched it, we found that many times people were using the same terms sometimes interchangeably and other times meaning something very different. We wanted to try to be consistent with what we meant by each phrase, so to tackle this issue, we had to come to a distinction, place a stake in the ground and say, in this course, this is what we are meaning by these terms. But please know they may mean different things if you see them in other contexts. ​

You have the formal definitions on page 2 of your workbook. The way I would abbreviate each of these is: ​

Calling – God’s Directed Purpose in your Life, common theme throughout your life. ​

 Purpose –answers the question, “Why do I exist?” This differs from Mission in that the mission is more specific to the here and now. We’ll dig into this today. ​

Mission –answers the question, “How am I to live out my purpose in regard to specific areas of my life today?” So it’s very specific and relative to time and place, i.e. your circumstance.​

Transcendent Cause -is a cause that is truly heroic, timeless, and is supremely meaningful​

Growth -steps you take toward reaching your mission tasks and to fulfilling your personal calling​

Goals –milestones along the way​

Life Values - those things that drive and are often fundamental to what’s important to us. Sometimes called Core Values or plain old values. ​

With these key definitions in mind, let’s now drill down deeper into what we mean by purpose.

**Slide 7** - Three Insights Into Purpose

CRAIG - When I was at Dell I was starting to find my identity in my work and therefore my purpose followed to see things through the lens of pleasing my Dell boss and rising through the ranks instead of seeing things through the lens of working for Jesus and pleasing Him. ​

So, you discover your identity and purpose through a relationship with Jesus Christ. ​

God had your purpose in mind long before you ever thought about him – you may choose your spouse, your career and your hobbies but you don’t choose your purpose. His purpose predates your conception​

Back to our key verse of Eph. 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.​

God had your purpose in mind long before you ever thought about Him.​

There is a bigger story going on in terms of length of time and grander work in the world. ​

The purpose of your life fits into a much larger purpose that God has designed for eternity.​

Your kingdom work has a much better rate of return than your financial or work decisions because it ripples through eternity.

**Slide 8** - Great Commandment: Love God, Love Others

CRAIG - We need to look no further than the words and life of Jesus Christ. And what better way to start but at the end of Jesus life. After Jesus had entered Jerusalem for the last time on what we call Palm Sunday the Jewish leaders confronted Jesus over several questions. ​

One of the questions was “Which command in God’s law is the most important?” or “what’s the greatest commandment in the law”. They were trying to trip him up. The leaders prided themselves on following the laws – 613 in all, but they had missed the main point. And that is the motivation behind the actions - Love. ​

Great Commandment – how would you summarize? Love God, Love Others, Love Yourself. ​

All of Christianity comes down to how we love God and how everything we do – work, relationships, entertainment, education, hobbies displays our love for God. No success, status, or possession will matter at the end of our days. How we loved God and loved others will be our victory.​

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**Slide 9 -** Great Commisssion: Seek & Save the Lost

CRAIG - What did Jesus say about his own purpose? ​

In Luke 19 he says he came to seek and safe the lost”​

Then we turn to the last thing Jesus said after His resurrection we see what’s called the Great Commission. The one command here is the command to “make disciples” and it has 3 ingredients: ​

1. Go or as you go you share Jesus Christ. ​

2. Baptize – assist the new believer in taking their stand of commitment before the world. ​

3. Teaching To Obey – ​

But how does it start? All authority on heaven and earth has been given to me. ​

So this is a key scripture to inform us on our purpose in life.

**Slide 10** - Fully Formed Follower: Worshiper, Servant, Witness, Disciple Maker

CRAIG - **Our Purpose is to Bring Glory to God**​
by Becoming Fully Formed Followers of Jesus ​

**Worshiper:** By worshiping Him motivated by love, thanksgiving and delight, not duty​

* **Witness:** By telling others about Him​
* **Servant:** By serving others with our gifts​
* **Disciple Maker**: Disciple of Jesus Christ and called to disciple others. ​

**Slide 11** - Life Purpose Statement

CRAIG - Answers the question, why do I exist? ​

Worded in a way that brings meaning to you personally. ​

It’s a statement that applies to you no matter your stage of life. ​

Make sure it’s not your mission statement that is specific to your stage of life. ​

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​**Slide 12** - Life Purpose Statement - Sample

​CRAIG - Discusses Craig’s purpose statement and break it down into its parts:​

Can be key words initially and then next steps would be to make a sentence​

Leave slide up while they work on theirs.​

**Work on this in class now so we can mingle and help you with it. Take a break as necessary.** ​

**Slide 13** - Work On Your Purpose Statements

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**Slide 14** - Life Purpose Statement Samples from the Class

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**Slide 31** - Craig’s Story (Half Time book by Bob Buford graphic)

CRAIG - I grew up in a Christian home in Dallas and was **insecure as a kid** and was convicted that my verbal cutdowns were a sin and that I needed forgiveness so I placed my trust in Jesus Christ. ​

Over the years I grew in my faith in **college it rose to a whole new level** when I got discipled by a friend of my older brother. ​

I did the **mission dating thing** and led my wife to Christ in the closet of her dorm room. I promise nothing else was going on there. ​

I **followed my parents example** and had a career in corporate America and was active in ministry and nonprofit work. In the **world’s eye** I was successful. I was an Executive at Dell and leader of the faith at work movement there, had a ministry to the unemployed, had two teenagers, a wife active in ministry and had a large house. But my wife and I knew we were made for more. So almost 20 years ago my wife and I were sitting where you are today going through a workshop based on the **HalfTime Book** on our calling and it was life changing for us. The workshop talked about moving from a life of success to significance. It was a chance for Debbie and I to get on the same page. ​

Soon after, God called me to be on the **elder board** and to help launch our Church Plant Training Center that led to HCBC planting 40 churches, led us to our current path of founding and running JSN, or how we summarize it as Jobs and Jesus. He could have very easily led me to stay at Dell and be a leader in the faith at work movement.​

**So if your spouse is not here there is still time for them to join us next week.** Have them register and you can share the handout and video from this session and if they can’t make it make sure to include them on this journey. ​

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​**Slide 32** - Job Seekers Network..Monday Morning’s with PurposeWorks

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**Slide 33** - We guide people to their purpose through 4 integrated programs

People undergo personal transformations by self-assessing and seeking a divine perspective while being part of a supportive community, hearing life change testimonies, and receiving guidance from those who've traveled similar paths.​

* **Facing a crossroads triggers search for purpose and meaningful work**​
* Entering workforce​
* Younger generations (Great Resignation)​
* Mid-life crisis​
* Unemployment​
* Divorce​
* Empty nest​
* Entering retirement ​
* **Change begins when people self assess, receive training, and embrace God’s perspective**​
* **Being in community and hearing life-change testimonies are critical catalysts**​
* **Individual Guidance from people who have been through a similar crossroads**​
* People change when they enter a relationship with Jesus Christ​
* Realize their true value is found in Christ, not in the work they do or their paycheck.​
* Choose to live a life of significance and purpose leading to fulfillment, not pursuing worldly success.​
* Bring God with them to work and have a plan for ongoing work/life harmony.​
* Find employment and gain confidence in a career path that fits them.​
* Understand their work matters to God (theology of work) and view their work as worship (Avodah) ​