

SONRISE CHURCH

Purpose, Mission & Vision Series — 2026

Our Purpose: Love God and Love People

Matthew 22:34–40 • Luke 19:10 • Exodus 20:3–17

Key Thoughts

1. **Purpose answers “Why do we exist?”:** Purpose is the foundation beneath mission and vision. Without it, everything else drifts — just as Champlain Towers collapsed when the foundation corroded beneath a building that looked fine on the surface.
2. **The wrong question keeps us self-centered:** Asking “What is my purpose?” puts the focus on us. The shift happens when we ask, “God, what is Your purpose — and how do I fit into it?”
3. **Jesus declared His purpose — and ours:** In Luke 19:10, Jesus came to seek and save the lost. In Matthew 22:37–39, He reveals humanity’s purpose: love God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.
4. **These two commands are inseparable:** You cannot love God without loving those He died for, and you cannot love people without loving the One who died for them.
5. **We can only love because He first loved us:** Measured against God’s holiness, our best efforts fall laughably short. The ability to love God and love people comes from God Himself (2 Peter 1:3; 1 John 4:19).

Discussion Questions

1. Read Matthew 22:36–40. Jesus was asked for the greatest commandment but gave two. Why does He treat these two as inseparable, and what breaks when we try to separate them?

2. The sermon contrasted Chick-fil-A’s purpose (“to glorify God”) with Amazon’s mission (“to be Earth’s most customer-centric company”). How does knowing your “why” shape the decisions you make — personally, not just corporately?

3. Have you been asking “God, what is my purpose?” more than “God, what is Your purpose?” What does it look like practically to shift from the first question to the second?

4. Read Exodus 20:3–17. The Ten Commandments divide into loving God (1–4) and loving people (5–10). Which side do you find more difficult to obey, and why?

5. The Surfside building collapse illustration showed that a corroded foundation can hide beneath a good-looking exterior. Where might your own spiritual foundation be quietly corroding while things still look fine on the surface?

6. **Personal:** The sermon said, “Love is a verb — it is not passive.” What is one concrete, active step you can take this week to love God more intentionally and one step to love a specific person around you?

Applications

1. **Examine your foundation:** Set aside 15 minutes this week to honestly ask God, “Is anything sitting in Your seat?” Write down whatever comes to mind and surrender it in prayer.
2. **Reframe the question:** Replace “What is my purpose?” with “God, what is Your purpose, and how do I join it?” Let that question guide one decision you face this week.
3. **Love someone actively:** Identify one person in your life who is difficult to love. Do one tangible act of kindness for them within seven days — not because they earned it, but because He first loved you.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for answering the deepest question of our lives before we even thought to ask it. You created us to love You and to love the people around us — and You made that possible by loving us first. Forgive us for building on cracked foundations, for measuring ourselves against each other instead of Your holiness, and for making our purpose about us instead of You. Anchor us to the Greatest Commandments. Teach us to love You with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to pour that love out to our neighbors. As we move into this series on Purpose, Mission, and Vision, align every part of our lives with Yours. In Jesus’ name, amen.