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## Who Are We and Why Are We Here

### Part 2: Pondering Our Purpose

Have you ever asked yourself, “Why did God make the mosquito?”

Please don’t try to tell me you have never asked that question. I don’t believe guys that tell me they like cold showers either.

If you ask the average person, the mosquito is defined with the single word *pest!* Some, like my daughter Karla, who is a mosquito magnet, would pronounced that as P-E-S-T! If you ask the medical community, they define the mosquito as the most deadly insect in the world, a carrier of various diseases including dengue fever and malaria. But ask a botanist, and he talks in terms of the indispensable process of pollination. And in recent days, the medical researchers have discovered intriguing and convincing evidence that mosquito saliva may be an effective factor in the treatment of cardiomyopathy.

Who’d a thunk it!

Maybe the words of Proverbs 16:4 (“GOD made everything with a place and purpose” – The Message) even includes this little varmint.

The whole subject of purpose seems to have been in the forefront lately. Rich Warren’s *The Purpose Driven Life* certainly comes to mind. But the idea of focusing on our purpose has been around for a very long while. Leonardo da Vinci once advised, “Make your work to be in keeping with your purpose.”

Purpose is central to our lives, and it is at the heart of understanding who we are as the Church.

The Church is the Body of Christ through which the grace and wisdom of God is displayed. Matthew 28:18-20 tells us that we, His people, are to share the good news of His grace with the world. And there is even more. Ephesians 3:10 says it has been and still is God’s purpose “to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety *to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places* (NLT, emphasis added).

If the scripture had no more to say about who we are as the Church and why we are here, those two passages should be enough to give us significant pause for thought.

The question is, “Are we fulfilling our purpose as His Body?” Do we shine with the wisdom and grace of God before a searching world and even to those in the spiritual realm?

### Taking Our Next Step Together

God of all grace and wisdom, remove from our spiritual eyes the cloudy distortions that hinder us from seeing clearly the truth of who we are and why we are here. Help us to become more and more aware of how often we have missed the mark of your desires for us. Create within us a deep and profoundly pressing awareness of how we are to live as Your Body.

Change us as a people so those around us will clearly encounter the wonder and awe of Your grace.

