

## MESSAGE NOTES

MAY 31 2020



### On Purpose and For a Purpose

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Ephesians 2:10 & Psalm 139:14-18

***"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things He planned for us long ago"*** (Ephesians 2:10, NLT).

#### Psalm 139:14-18

- Psalm 139:14 – I am **fearfully** and **wonderfully** made.
- Psalm 139:15 – I am not **mistake**.
- Psalm 139:16 – I am not **an afterthought**.
- Psalm 139:17-18 – I am **highly valued** by God.

#### Message to Shepherd's College students and everyone else:

1. You have been created in the image of God.
2. You have been created **on purpose** and for **a purpose**.
3. God has **shaped (is shaping)** you to accomplish that purpose.

#### THE ONE THING:

**"On purpose and for a purpose."**

## NEXT STEPS

- Memorize Ephesians 2:10.
- Visit [shepherdscollege.edu](http://shepherdscollege.edu) to learn more about the school.
- Share Shepherds College with others.
- Consider a gift to the Shepherds College scholarship fund, designed to provide assistance to students who demonstrate financial need.
- Pray for Shepherds College students, staff and the school's expansion plans.
- Watch for "Oakwood Day" at Shepherds College—a chance to visit the campus and see their ministry first-hand.

## DISCOVERY QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY OR GROUP DISCUSSION

*Check-In: Since we last met, how did your "I will..." and sharing go?*

1. What are you thankful for? What challenge or stress are you facing? How can we help? Do you know anyone who needs help at this time?
2. Read Psalm 46 together (at least twice), and take turns retelling it in your own words as if sharing with a friend who isn't here.
3. What stands out to you and why? What do these verses tell us about God? What do these verses tell us about humanity/about us?
4. If this is God speaking, how will you apply it to your life?  
*(Aim for a specific: "I will..." next step.)*
5. Who will you share with before we meet again?  
*(Name a specific person you want to **share with**.)*

*If you'd like to learn more about the discovery group process, connect with [marcus@oakwoodnow.org](mailto:marcus@oakwoodnow.org)*