

## SERMON STUDY NOTES

12 May 2019

Speaker: Martin Armstrong

### Mission Month: The Purpose Test

1. Have you ever been on a mission trip or visited an overseas mission compound? Tell us about it. If you were called to overseas mission, where would you like serve and what would you like to do?
2. The **Great Commission** (Matt 28:19-20) commands us to '*Go into all the world and preach the gospel*', but it also tells us to "*teach new believers everything I have commanded you.*" Sometimes this last part gets overlooked. Did you go through a formal discipleship programme when you became a Christian? What is the best way to do this?
3. What are the four steps involved in becoming a Christian?
4. The main reason for being filled with the HS is so that we can minister to others. Spiritual gifts are not toys to play with, or abilities to make us look good. Discuss
5. The Bible tells us that God made everything for a purpose. Is it difficult or easy for you to truly believe that God has a specific purpose for your life? Why?
6. What does Romans 8:28 promise us related to our destiny? How does this affect our perspective concerning our failures, mistakes, difficulties or unfair circumstances in our life?

7. What is a spiritual gift and how does it differ from a natural gift? (1 Corinthians 12)? Give some examples of natural and spiritual giftings.
8. God has given at least one gift to each of us that we're to use to help other people (1 Peter 4:10). What have you done, great or small, to help or serve other people that you have found very fulfilling? What in particular made you feel that way?
9. Look around your group. What have you noticed in the lives of each group member that you believe is a gift from God? Take a few minutes to tell each other what you think.
10. Pray for each other that each of you will take the next step of discovering and using your gifts to help others. Ask God to help you be faithful in both the big and small things. Ask God to bless each of you and to keep you on your journeys towards your destinies.