

# 40 Days of Purpose - what participants said

## Deeper and Closer

**Meg Piercey:** "it has helped me to get to know more members of the church family ... it has also made me try to do more for God in a positive way"

**Brian Matthew:** "the feeling that even the apparently smallest ministry is meaningful"



**Iris Carruthers:** "I enjoyed the talks and discussion groups; meeting new people and listening to their experiences. I have learned that to grow you need to be part of a group where you can learn. I want to read the book again ... more slowly!"



**Ann McJannet:** "reading every day was a good discipline ... very challenging. Life changing!!!"

**Sue Cole:** "its really focused my daily thoughts and prayers on my relationship with God and how to shape my life around Jesus"

**Anna Lise Gordon:** "it was refreshing to have time to meet in the day, I felt better able to come in the right frame of mind ... I feel refreshed/recharged!! There is a purpose to life and its even more special than I realised!!"



**Nora Guilding:** "the wonderful feeling of loving fellowship in our group and generally at the meetings"

**Lisa Buhr:** "made me realise that belonging to a church is essential, God is always with me, has a purpose for me and that love is mega-important!!"

**Richard Aylmer-Hall:** "taking the time to focus on key

Through our reading, talks and discussions,, all of us came across what we called "light bulb moments". Here are some of them. Yours may be different ... share them!!

## Light Bulb Moments

**Purpose 1:** "Everything you do can be an act of worship when you do it for the praise, glory and pleasure of God"

**Purpose 2:** "As members of Christ's body we are his hands, feet and eyes...He works through us in the world"

**Purpose 3:** "God's ultimate goal for your life is not comfort, but character development"

**Purpose 4:** "Don't wait to feel sorted before you start serving. Remember Thomas had doubts, Martha worried, Timothy was timid, Peter was impulsive"

**Purpose 5:** "When you share your faith, just share how God has made a difference in your life. You don't need to be a theologian to do that"



aspects of my faith. It has taken me to the next level of my walk with God"

**Pru Bodger:** "Getting to know new people better and praying for them ... plus being aware of God's unique love and purpose for me"



**Dorothea Inglis:** "The assurance that God chose me and that whatever I do, I need to work at it with all my heart as though it is for God ... to be a

witness and spread the good news in a small way"

**Julian Stedman:** "I enjoyed meeting a new crowd and the challenge of leadership"

**Fiona Chapman:** "it helps to think practically about being a Christian every day"



**Jennifer Yapp:** "I think the 5 purposes were very easy to understand. It awakened the Christian spirit in me. Looking forward, I really want to put God in the centre of my life"

**Florence Musasiwa:** "Has helped me to realise my purpose and reflect on my life ... change my attitude and feel a sense of belonging"

**Roger Marsden:** "I have a clearer view of my unique mission ... and encouragement that it can be relatively simple"



**Sarah Mayo:** "It wasn't scary ... there was plenty of simple, practical advice that anyone could follow"

**John Alpass:** "the chance to read a book covering the whole spectrum of what is involved in being a Christian. There was also a sense of participating in the programme as a church family"

**Keith Havelock:** "It challenged my accepted thinking and practices ... it was a new and original church event"



**Simon Winchcombe:** "...the whole church is becoming a community ... we have been united by a common experience"