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**[SERMON NOTES]**

**Passion for the Purpose**

- \_\_\_\_\_ people change the world around them.
- Passionate people tell the best \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Stories We Tell** (*Luke 24:25-27, Matthew 28:18-20, Galatians 1:13-17*)

- We share \_\_\_\_\_ story.
  - God's story in 6 words: God \_\_\_\_\_. Sin \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ restores.
- We are a part of \_\_\_\_\_ story.
- Share \_\_\_\_\_ story.
  - Your life displays \_\_\_\_\_.

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**[QUICK REVIEW]**

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

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**[MY STORY]**

We wrapped up our *Chasing Purpose* series by talking about how passionate people share stories that change the world around them. What is something you are passionate about or love to tell stories about?

When it comes down to it, faithful disciples deeply love Jesus and desire to know Him more - and make Him known! There are many areas in faith where we are called to surrender to Christ so that our passion for Him can be our source of joy and comfort. Of the areas listed out, (circle) 1 or 2 that you feel like you have a good passion for. Then, underline 1 or 2 where you think you need to grow in your passion.

**Bible Reading      Attending Church/group      Sharing your faith      Serving others**  
**Prayer      Tithing      Using your spiritual gifts      showing hospitality**

Spend some time reading these passages that are encouragement for people to trust God and desire Him more deeply: **Colossians 3:1-4, Joshua 1:7-9, Deuteronomy 6:6-7**. What sticks out to you in these passages about becoming passionate for God's way in our life?

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**[DIGGING DEEPER]**

Once we become followers of Jesus, we are immediately invited into God's story! But not just invited *in*, we are also commanded to look to share God's story with others. We learned all Christians need to share God's story in *word* and *deed*. Would you say you are more apt to share God's story more in word or deed? Explain your answer.

As followers of Jesus, we know 'how the story ends' - namely, eternity in heaven with God. How should that security of faith change the passion and urgency to share God's story?

**Read 1 Peter 3:13-22** (especially vv. 19-22). This passage describes the work of Christ as a self-sacrificing redemption that has led to all things being submitted to the name of Jesus! How does the work of Christ compel you to live differently? And with all things being under His submission - including us - explain how that affects the call to share God's story.

Whether we like it or know it, every Christian plays a role in sharing the church's story - and the world is always reading it! List out 3 things you think or hear about the story of the Church (at large). Then, list out 3 things you think or hear about the story of our church. Finally, list out 3 things you feel unchurched people would be compelled by the church's story.

<u>The Church</u>	<u>Our Church</u>	<u>What might compel them?</u>
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The best way for us to grow in our desire to share God's story is to be passionate about deepening our love for God and others. **Read these passages, and write down a few thoughts about what makes for a passionate follower of Jesus: John 20:29-31, 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, Acts 2:42-47.**

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**[TAKING IT HOME]**

*As a group, come up with 2-3 things that you can all do - together or separate - to help share God's story with others in the next month, and work on keeping each other accountable to them!*