

## ON PURPOSE- Week 1: Where Am I?

This study is to help your students navigate what it looks like for them to be on purpose. This week is focusing in on where they are. What are the circumstances that have led them to this instance? Where do they find themselves in life whether that is leading their team in statistics, getting a 1<sup>st</sup> chair in band, excelling in whatever activity they are in or whether they struggle with where they fit in, find themselves on the bench, etc. Your students even in what feels successful maybe experiencing anxiety or just a sense of loss. This week we will be taking a look at where they are and what led them to that spot. You get the chance to communicate that they can encounter God no matter where they are.

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Can you tell us a story of when you were lost?

Where do you find yourself? Physically, Spiritually, etc. How would you describe where you are at?

Did anything stand out from the video you watched?

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We're going to explore two people and where they find themselves when they encounter God.

### Read Exodus 3:1-4; 7-12:

- Where is Moses in this passage? How would you react if you saw a burning bush?
- What purpose does God give Moses? Do you think Moses thought he would encounter God in this moment?
- Did Moses doubt the instructions God had given him?
- Do you know what your purpose is? (Students may have an answer but it can also display that they are not alone in knowing their purpose.)

### Read Genesis 32:23-29:

- What is something that Jacob did in this passage? Do you feel like you've had a moment where you've wrestled with God? Wrestled with others?
- How do you think Jacob felt when wrestling?
- Do you think Jacob intended to encounter God in this moment?

We see in these two instances that Moses and Jacob encountered God in a moment they may not have expected. They also encountered God in different ways and seemingly unlikely ways. No matter where you are at and no matter where you find yourself, God will meet you where you're at.

**The Point:** God meets us where we are at no matter where we are at.

- Do you think there is anything holding you back from encountering God?
- Do you feel comfortable with bringing your whole self to God?

The cool thing is that no matter who we are, where we are at or what our past is we can bring everything to God.

- What are ways that you can encounter God this week?

