



On Location Part 3 :: *Shine* :: Andy Stanley

INTRODUCTION

In our early years, when life is changing and new experiences await us at every turn, purpose usually doesn't show up on our radar. We're much more concerned with *who*, *what*, and *where* to stop and consider the *why*. But at some point this question rises to the forefront, often due to discontentment with the rut of later life. So why are we here? As we look for the answer to the question of purpose, we'll look to Jesus to shed some light on the matter.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Was there a point in your life where you wrestled with your purpose? Are you wrestling with your purpose right now?
2. Read Matthew 5:14-16. A city located on a hill is in a very strategic location. A light in a house is strategically located to provide the maximum amount of light. How did God place strategic people in your life who were a light to you?
3. What is God's purpose for you where you are now? How has God strategically placed you to be a light to others?
4. How are you shining your light for others to see?
5. What are the consequences when we hide our light?
6. How can you live in such a way as to draw attention to your heavenly Father?

THINK ABOUT IT

If someone were to interview your neighbors or coworkers, what would they say about you? Do they know you are a Christian? Do they know you are a Christian by your actions?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

What is something specific you can do this week that will draw the attention of those around you to your heavenly Father?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16