

RePurpose

Discovering Fresh Purpose in Retirement

Seminar 1: 'Continuing Fruitfulness for God in Retirement'

Retirement can be one of the most fruitful times for God in our lives but the culture around us and even church culture sometimes can make us feel that we've played our part and now it's time to leave it to the younger ones. In this seminar we'll be exploring this key transition moment in our lives and asking how we can continue to be fruitful for God in our retirement.



Hebrews 12:1

'...let us run with endurance the race God has set before us'

'A disciple is someone who is learning to follow the way of Jesus in their context and this moment.'



Psalms 92:12-15

I love this Psalm..

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;

¹³ planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God.

¹⁴ They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green,

¹⁵ proclaiming, 'The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.'

'Preparation for old age should begin not later than one's teens. A life which is empty of purpose until 65 will not suddenly become filled on retirement.'

**** Dwight L. Moody**

3 Assumptions about Retirement:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



2 Corinthians 1:3-11

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵ For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. ⁶ If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. ⁷ And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

⁸ We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters,^[a] about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. ⁹ Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. ¹⁰ He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, ¹¹ as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favour granted us in answer to the prayers of many.



Looking in the Rearview Mirror....

Moses: “What do you have in your hands?”

- Identity
- Income
- Influence



Tools to Help you Reflect:

My Lifeline

My Lifeline: In your handout notes... (you may need to attach a few pieces of paper together), draw a timeline of your life. Mark down significant moments for you (e.g. important events, changes of direction, key beginnings and endings, etc). As you do this, make some notes on how you saw (or now see) God’s goodness and faithfulness. Once you’ve finished the timeline, use it as a stimulus to lament, confess, thank, and pray.

Clarify My Calling: I.M.A.G.I.N.E

We are ALL called by God but our calling is expressed in 10,000 different ways. Use this tool to reimagine your life in this season.

- I** Imagine: What are my gifts? How could God use my gifts in this new season? How am I using my gifts in my everyday life and work?
- M** Mission: Where might God be calling me, in mission, service, prayer, community, care for the world, ministry, social action, evangelism?
- A** Abilities: What abilities do I have and how could God use them to make a difference? When I look over my life – what energises me? Where am I challenged and what am I challenged by? How can I use this in God's service?
- G** Grow: In what areas do I want to deepen my spiritual life and faith? How can I be with Jesus, become like Jesus and do what Jesus did?
- I** Imagine: What season of life am I in right now? What would I be doing if I could invent my ideal future?
- N** Needs: What needs are mine to meet at the moment? Are there loved ones I am responsible for in this season? Are there any particular life challenges I'm faced with in this season?
- E** Experiences: What experiences have I gained in life and how could God use them in this season? What spiritual experiences have I had? What painful experiences have I had? What educational experiences have I had? What ministry experiences have I had?

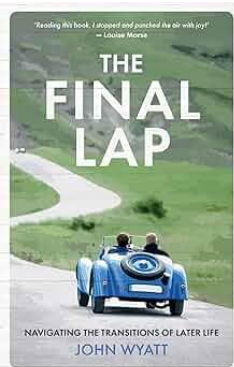
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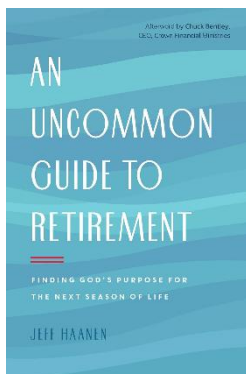
REPURPOSE is LICC's free downloadable resource to help you transition into the season of retirement. [RePurpose: Discover Fresh Purpose in Retirement | LICC](#)

Retirement isn't really about retiring.

RePurpose is a six-session discussion guide for anyone looking to grow as a disciple in retirement.



John Wyatt helpfully helps us think about three key transitions that happen in later life: from paid work to retirement; from independence to dependence and from life to death.



Learn how to discern what retirement is by taking an uncommon approach. Jeff Haanen looks biblically and practically at the need for rest and purpose in retirement. And teaches you how to:

- Take a sabbatical rest in early retirement
- Listen to God's voice for their calling in retirement
- Rethink "work" in retirement
- Understand family systems and leaving a legacy



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