

PASSION CITY CHURCH

Study Guide

Created By God and For God

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Major Points

- 1** Every person was intentionally created by God and for God — this is our original factory setting and the source of our identity, worth, and purpose.
Colossians 1:16
- 2** God seeks true worshipers who worship in spirit and truth, not because He needs worship but because we need Him at the center of our affection.
John 4:23-24
- 3** Your worth is intrinsic because God is your Maker — like a painting's value comes from its artist, your value comes from God's signature on your life.
Psalms 139:13-14
- 4** Repentance is not condemnation — it is the freeing act of resetting back to your God-given purpose and returning to relationship with Him.
Joel 2:12-13
- 5** Once the woman at the well understood her true identity, she was transformed from hiding in shame to boldly testifying — knowing God leads to making Him known.
John 4:28-29

Key Quotes

- "I just have a sense that we don't need modifications in 2026. That we need a reset*
at 2:37
- "It's not about where you go to worship, it's about who you worship.*
at 9:47
- "God is seeking worshipers because you need God to be the center of your affection.*
at 10:57
- "When you zoom in on your life, God's signature is on you.*
at 21:13
- "Am I valuable and do I matter? Yes, you were created by God. Why am I on earth? You were created by God for God.*
at 17:04
- "You can't improve on the, in the womb, God Almighty created me.*
at 23:41

Focusing on what matters means we must decide what does it matter.

at 32:13

Discussion Questions

1. Pastor Giglio says we need a 'reset' rather than modifications in 2026. What areas of your life feel like a glitching phone — cycling through the same malfunctions — and what would it look like to reset to your original factory settings?
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2. Pastor Giglio identifies two core truths in Colossians 1:16: you are created by God (your worth) and for God (your purpose). Which of these two truths is harder for you to believe, and why?
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3. Pastor Giglio points out that the woman at the well went from hiding at noon to running into town to tell everyone about Jesus. What changed in her that gave her that boldness, and how can that same transformation happen in your life?
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4. Pastor Giglio lists many things men (and women) tend to build their identity around — careers, hobbies, status, relationships. Without dismissing those things as bad, how do you discern when something good has displaced God as your original factory setting?
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5. Pastor Giglio defines repentance as 'reset, return, go back' rather than shame and condemnation. How does reframing repentance as a gift rather than a punishment change your willingness to practice it regularly?
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Word Studies

μετανοέω metanoeo

Greek

To change one's mind or purpose; to think differently after reflection. In the New Testament it carries the sense of a radical turning from sin toward God — not merely regret, but a fundamental reorientation of the whole person.

Usage: 34 times

προσκυνέω proskuneo

Greek

To fall down before, to do obeisance, to worship. Literally means to kiss toward or to prostrate oneself. In John 4:23-24, Jesus uses this word to describe the kind of worship the Father seeks — an inward posture of the spirit, not merely an outward ritual tied to a location.

Usage: 60 times

שוב shuv

Hebrew

To turn back, return, repent. The primary Old Testament word for repentance, used in Joel 2:12 when God calls His people to 'return to me with all your heart.' It implies not just stopping wrong behavior but actively turning back toward God in covenant relationship.

Usage: 1,066 times in OT

Cross References

Jeremiah 1:5

God tells Jeremiah 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,' reinforcing the sermon's point that God's knowledge of and purpose for each person precedes birth.

Ephesians 2:10

We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works — echoing Colossians 1:16's teaching that we are created by God and for God with intentional purpose.

Isaiah 43:7

God declares He created His people 'for my glory,' directly supporting the sermon's thesis that our original factory setting is to exist for God.

Romans 12:1-2

Paul urges believers to offer their bodies as living sacrifices and be transformed by the renewing of their minds — the New Testament parallel to the 'reset' Pastor Giglio describes.

Acts 17:28

Paul declares 'In him we live and move and have our being,' underscoring that our entire existence is rooted in and sustained by God, our Creator.

Further Reading

- **The Air I Breathe: Worship as a Way of Life**
by Louie Giglio
- **The Knowledge of the Holy**
by A.W. Tozer
- **You Are What You Love: The Spiritual Power of Habit**
by James K.A. Smith

Scripture References

REFERENCE	TYPE	TIME	CONTEXT
John 4:4-26	Read Aloud	7 : 40	<i>Now he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a ...</i>
Colossians 1:16	Read Aloud	31 : 00	<i>For by him all things were created, in heaven and ...</i>
Psalms 139:13-16	Read Aloud	53 : 20	<i>For you created my inmost being; you knit me toget...</i>
Matthew 4:17	Read Aloud	63 : 00	<i>From that time on Jesus began to preach, 'Repent, ...</i>
Joel 2:12-14	Read Aloud	65 : 00	<i>'Even now,' declares the Lord, 'return to me with ...</i>
1 John 4:1-6	Read Aloud	86 : 40	<i>Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but tes...</i>