

## SAMPLE PURPOSE STATEMENTS FROM THE BIBLE

Below are the purpose statements that are included in the form “**How to Write a Purpose Statement.**” From time to time, we will update this with other purpose statements found in God’s Word. If you discover any that are not listed, please submit them to be included in this document.

- Jesus (Luke 19:10) -- to seek and save what was lost
- Paul (Galatians 2:7) -- take the gospel to the uncircumcised
- Peter (Galatians 2:7) -- take the gospel to the circumcised
- Joseph (Psalm 105:16-22) -- master of his own house and the household of pharaoh
- Daniel (Daniel 2:21-22) -- to discern wisdom, knowledge and the hidden things that lie in darkness

### **Other purpose statements from the Bible (in random order):**

- Joseph the Levite from Cyprus (Acts 4:36-38) – “Barnabas,” the son of encouragement
- Dorcas or Tabitha (Acts 9:36) – to do good and help the poor
- Moses (Acts 7:25) – to rescue his people
- Samuel (1 Samuel 3:2-10) – to hear God for Israel
- David (1 Samuel 16:1-14) – to be king over Israel
- Mary, the mother of Jesus (Luke 1:45) – to believe all that the Lord told her
- Esther (Esther 4:12-14) – to intercede on behalf of Israel
- Adam (Genesis 1:28) – to be fruitful and increase, subdue and rule the earth
- Eve (Genesis 1:28) – to be fruitful and increase, subdue and rule the earth (while the same statement as Adam’s, it was to be fulfilled in a different way)
- Abraham (Genesis 12:2) – to be a great nation and a blessing to other nations
- Pharaoh (Exodus 9:16) – to show forth God’s power and to spread the news of God’s great name

- Joshua (Joshua 1:6) – to lead the people to inherit the land
- Isaiah (Isaiah 6:9) – to go and tell the people
- Andrew and Peter (Matthew 4:19) – to be fishers of men
- Bezalel (Exodus 31:1-6) – be skillful in all kinds of crafts