

## Christian Union Planning Sheet

### Theme / Topic

You are ... CREATED WITH PURPOSE - *Part 4 of the 'You Are ...' 4-part series*

### Bible Passage

Matthew 28:18-20 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (New International Version)

### Time Allocation

30 minutes

### Aim

The children / young people will learn that the Bible says we were created with purpose.

### Introduction

#### Who Am I?

Select three people famous Christians, give students three clues to guess who you are describing.

For Example:

Mother Teresa

- 1) Spent many years in Calcutta
- 2) Has been honoured as a Saint by the Catholic Church
- 3) Was foundational in setting up numerous hospices and missions to serve those in need

William Wilberforce

- 1) Was an English politician
- 2) Played a significant part in the abolitionist movement
- 3) He died in 1833, just 3 days after he heard that the 'Slavery Abolition Act' was due to go through parliament

William Tyndale

- 1) Well known as a translator of the Bible into English
- 2) Could speak seven languages, including ancient Hebrew and Greek
- 3) Had a heart to share the gospel with those he met, he wanted to translate the Bible into English so that English speakers would be able to read the Bible for themselves (up until this point the Bible was read in Latin and thus the general public would have relied on what their preachers and teachers were telling them of the scriptures)

Three very different individuals, achieving very different outcomes during their lifetime; but what did they all have in common? They all had a relationship with Jesus; and it was their relationship with Jesus that drove them to pursue all that they accomplished. They demonstrated the love and heart of Jesus to those around them - through words and actions.

Each of those individuals made history, and just a quick google search would bring up tonnes of research on any one of their lives. You and I can be a part of history too; we may not make history textbooks, in fact most of us probably won't, but we can play just as significant a role in God's history as each of these three people did.

### Teaching

The Bible tells us that God rejoices over every SINGLE person who says 'Yes!' to a friendship with Jesus. When we said 'Yes!' to that friendship, we have the absolute privilege that God has called us to continue to share His Good News with others so that more and more individuals might choose to say 'Yes!' to a friendship with Him. God has created each one of us with a purpose.

Watch the video 'Vitalise Devotional - You are CREATED WITH PURPOSE Pt2of3' together, to hear something of what the Bible says about how we can live out the purpose God has for us.

You can find the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PyBwS8SYHoE>

### Application, Reflection and/or Activity

Quite simply, if we want to see fruit being produced in our lives, we need to stay connected to the true vine Jesus. When we invest in our relationship with Him, when we choose to put Jesus first, when we choose Jesus' way - He abides in us and we WILL bear fruit.

Let's spend some time now connecting with Jesus and investing in our relationship with Him. Let's take a couple of minutes now to quietly reflect and pray. You might like to thank Jesus that you can be a part of others coming to faith, you might like to ask Him to show you His plans for your life and to equip you with all that you need.

### Memory Verse

Remain in me, and I will remain in you. A branch cannot produce fruit alone but must remain in the vine. In the same way, you cannot produce fruit alone but must remain in me. "I am the vine, and you are the branches. If any remain in me and I remain in them, they produce much fruit. But without me they can do nothing. - John 15:4-5; NCV

### Resources

Vitalise Video  
Quiet music to play during the reflection  
Bibles available in case young people would like to look up Bible references