

Sermon Study Guide

Seed with a Purpose

Speaker: Pastor Chad Everett

Scripture References: John 12: 20–28; Galatians 3: 16; Romans 8: 11; Genesis 2: 18

How to Use This Study Guide

This guide is designed to help you engage deeply with God's Word, not just to hear it but to plant it in your heart so it produces lasting fruit. Each day offers space to reflect, discuss, and apply what you're learning, allowing the Word to take root and grow within you.

Open your Bible for every question. Let Scripture be your teacher and guide, not opinions or surface understanding. Take time to write down what God shows you and pray through it. Use tools like the Blue Letter Bible app to explore meanings, context, and cross-references.

This study is for everyone hungry to grow: New Christians, Mature Christians, Jr. & Sr. High Students, Families with Young Children, and Families with Teenagers. Whether you use it personally, with your family, or in your Roads Group, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Jesus more clearly through His Word each day.

Sermon Overview

In *Seed with a Purpose*, Pastor Chad Everett teaches from John 12:24 that unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone—but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Jesus is the ultimate Seed, buried and raised so His life could multiply in us. As believers, we are called to follow His example—to die to self, surrender to His purpose, and bear lasting fruit for God's glory.

Every seed carries divine potential, but purpose is only unlocked when the seed is buried. This message calls us to live as people of purpose, embracing surrender, obedience, and legacy growth in the Kingdom of God.

Day 1 – The Seed Must Die to Multiply

Daily Focus

The power of the seed is only revealed when it dies.

Biblical Principle & Takeaways

God's Kingdom operates through surrender. As long as a seed stays on the shelf, it remains

alone—but when it’s buried, it begins to multiply. Jesus used this image to show that growth and legacy come through dying to self. The moment we release control and trust God’s process, our purpose begins to unfold.

Key Scripture References

John 12: 24–26; Galatians 2: 20

Quote of the Day — Chad Everett

“The seed has to die before it multiplies.”

Discussion Questions

New Christians

1. Read John 12: 24. What happens when the seed is buried? What does this reveal about how God’s Kingdom works?
2. How does Galatians 2: 20 describe what it means to “die” to self?

Mature Christians

1. Compare John 12: 24 and Galatians 2: 20. What does surrender produce in both passages?
2. What personal area might God be asking you to “die to self” so His purpose can grow through you?

Jr. & Sr. High Students

1. How does John 12: 24 challenge the idea that success comes from control or comfort?
2. What does Galatians 2: 20 show about living for Jesus instead of yourself?

Families with Young Children

1. Read John 12: 24 together. What happens when the seed is buried?
2. How can your family show trust in God’s plan, even when you can’t see what He’s doing yet?

Families with Teenagers

1. Look at Galatians 2: 20. What does it mean for your family to live with Jesus at the center of your choices and goals?
2. How can your family model surrender together in a real situation this week?

Personal Application

Ask God what area of your life He's calling you to surrender—an attitude, a fear, or a place where you've resisted letting go. You are the seed He's planted for a purpose. Trust that what feels like loss is actually the beginning of multiplication.

For Families with Young Children

Talk about how each person in your family is like a seed God has planted for His purpose. Together, pray and ask God how your family can live for His purpose this week—by showing kindness, sharing, or helping someone in need.

For Families with Teenagers

As a family, discuss what it means to “die to self” so that God's purpose can grow. Choose one shared action that puts others first this week—serving, giving, or encouraging—and pray together, asking God to multiply His purpose through your family.

Day 2 – Jesus: The Ultimate Seed

Daily Focus

Jesus became the seed that was buried so His life could multiply in us.

Biblical Principle & Takeaways

Jesus is the ultimate example of what it means to live with purpose. He was the Seed that fell into the ground and died so that many could be raised to life. His death was not defeat—it was the beginning of exponential growth. When Jesus rose, He became the first of many sons and daughters filled with the same Spirit that raised Him from the dead. Through His obedience, we find both salvation and purpose.

Key Scripture References

John 12: 24; Galatians 3: 16; Romans 8: 11

Quote of the Day — Chad Everett

“Jesus is the seed that was buried in the ground to produce much fruit.”

Discussion Questions

New Christians

1. Read John 12: 24. What does Jesus say must happen for fruit to grow?
2. How does Jesus' death and resurrection show God's purpose for your life?

Mature Christians

1. Read Galatians 3: 16 and Romans 8: 11. What do these verses reveal about the “seed” and the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead?

2. How does seeing Jesus as the ultimate Seed deepen your understanding of what it means to live surrendered?

Jr. & Sr. High Students

1. Look at John 12: 24 and Galatians 3: 16. How does Jesus' example show what real strength and purpose look like?
2. According to Romans 8: 11, what power lives in you because of what Jesus did?

Families with Young Children

1. Read John 12: 24 together. What happened after Jesus died and rose again?
2. How does that show God's power to bring life out of hard things?

Families with Teenagers

1. Read Romans 8: 11 together. What does it mean that the same Spirit who raised Jesus lives in your family?
2. How can your family live in that power this week—in prayer, words, or choices?

Personal Application

Take time to thank Jesus for being the Seed that died and rose again so you could live. Reflect on how His obedience brought your salvation. Ask God to show you how His resurrection power is at work in your life right now.

For Families with Young Children

Take a small piece of paper and draw or write something that represents new life—like a flower, a cross, or your family's name surrounded by hearts. Tape it near a window where sunlight shines through. Talk about how Jesus gives new life to everyone who believes in Him and how His light helps us grow strong in faith. Pray together, thanking Jesus for being alive in your family.

For Families with Teenagers

Gather together for prayer as a family. Read Romans 8: 11 aloud and thank God that His Spirit lives in you. Ask Him to show your family how to walk in that same power this week through faith and obedience.

Day 3 – The Seed Produces After Its Kind

Daily Focus

Jesus, the Seed, produces His nature in every believer who receives Him.

Biblical Principle & Takeaways

Every seed reproduces according to its kind. Jesus, the divine Seed, produces sons and daughters who look like Him. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead now lives in us, shaping our hearts, thoughts, and actions to reflect His nature. We are not meant to live by our old ways but to grow into His likeness through the Word and the Spirit. The fruit of our lives should reveal the One who planted us.

Key Scripture References

Genesis 1: 11–12; Galatians 5: 22–25; Romans 8: 29

Quote of the Day — Chad Everett

“Jesus is the seed buried in the ground, and He produces after His own kind.”

Discussion Questions

New Christians

1. Read Genesis 1: 11–12. What pattern do you see in how God designed seeds to grow?
2. According to Galatians 5: 22–23, what kind of fruit should the life of Jesus produce in you?

Mature Christians

1. How do Romans 8: 29 and Galatians 5: 22–25 reveal that God’s goal is to form Christ’s nature in us?
2. Which “fruit of the Spirit” do you sense God wanting to cultivate more deeply in your life right now?

Jr. & Sr. High Students

1. Look at Galatians 5: 22–23. Which fruit of the Spirit do you see most often in your life? Which one do you want to grow stronger in?
2. How does knowing that Jesus lives in you change how you act, speak, or respond at school or with friends?

Families with Young Children

1. Read Galatians 5: 22–23 together. Which “fruit” can your family show more of this week—love, joy, peace, or patience?

2. How does acting like Jesus help others see what He's like?

Families with Teenagers

1. Read Romans 8: 29 together. What does it mean that God is shaping your family to be like Jesus?
2. How can your family help each other grow in one of the fruits of the Spirit this week?

Personal Application

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you where His fruit is growing in your life and where He wants to plant more. Write down one “fruit of the Spirit” that you want to grow stronger in. Each day this week, practice that fruit intentionally—speak it, pray it, and live it out.

For Families with Young Children

As a family, talk about the “fruit of the Spirit” listed in Galatians 5: 22–23. Choose one fruit to focus on this week. Each evening, share one way someone in the family showed that fruit. Thank God together for helping you grow to be more like Jesus.

For Families with Teenagers

Have everyone in the family pick one “fruit of the Spirit” to intentionally live out this week. Encourage one another daily—by noticing and affirming where you see that fruit in each other. End the week by praying together, thanking God that His Spirit helps you grow in His image.

Day 4 – Dying to Self Brings Life

Daily Focus

True life in Christ begins when we die to our own will and live for His purpose.

Biblical Principle & Takeaways

When Jesus said, “Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone,” He was showing us that death to self is the pathway to fruitfulness. Following Him means laying down our own plans, desires, and comfort to live for something eternal. The Gospel calls us not just to believe in Jesus but to follow His example—surrendering daily so His life can be seen in ours. Dying to self brings freedom, not loss, because His purpose always leads to life.

Key Scripture References

John 12: 24–26; Galatians 5: 24; Luke 9: 23

Quote of the Day — Chad Everett

“We’ve been taught too much to focus on what God can do for us, but the gospel is not about us—it’s about His purpose.”

Discussion Questions

New Christians

1. Read Luke 9: 23. What does Jesus say it means to follow Him?
2. How does dying to self help you grow closer to Jesus?

Mature Christians

1. Compare John 12: 24–26 and Galatians 5: 24. What consistent truth do you see about surrender and fruitfulness?
2. How does a lifestyle of surrender change the way you view success or comfort?

Jr. & Sr. High Students

1. Read Luke 9: 23. What does “deny yourself” look like in your daily life—at school, online, or with friends?
2. How can dying to selfish desires actually lead to more joy and purpose?

Families with Young Children

1. Read John 12: 24 together. What happens to the seed that’s willing to “die”?
2. What is one way your family can put others first this week?

Families with Teenagers

1. Read Luke 9: 23. What does it look like for your family to follow Jesus together each day?
2. How can your family encourage one another to keep saying “yes” to God even when it’s hard?

Personal Application

Ask God to show you one area where you’ve been holding on to your own way. Write it down and surrender it to Him in prayer. Thank Him that dying to self doesn’t end in loss—it’s the doorway to greater life and purpose.

For Families with Young Children

Talk about what it means to “put others first.” Choose one small act of kindness you can do together this week for someone else—like baking for a neighbor or helping a friend. Pray and ask God to use your family to show His love.

For Families with Teenagers

Have each family member share one area they want to surrender more fully to God—time, habits, or priorities. Pray together, asking the Holy Spirit to help each of you follow Jesus wholeheartedly. Commit to check in with each other at the end of the week to celebrate growth.

Day 5 – Living with Purpose

Daily Focus

We are saved for a purpose—called to live for Jesus and multiply His life in others.

Biblical Principle & Takeaways

Jesus came with purpose: to destroy the works of the devil and to bring salvation to all who believe. His life was never random or self-serving—it was driven by the Father’s will. In the same way, God calls every believer to live with divine purpose. Salvation is not the finish line; it’s the beginning of a calling. When we surrender to His purpose, we live beyond ourselves and bear fruit that impacts eternity.

Key Scripture References

1 John 3: 8; 2 Timothy 1: 8–9; Matthew 28: 18–20

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“God doesn’t want you to just pray a prayer and hang on to heaven—He’s calling you into something greater.”

Discussion Questions

New Christians

1. Read 2 Timothy 1: 8–9. What does it say about God’s purpose for those He has saved?
2. According to Matthew 28: 19–20, what are followers of Jesus called to do?

Mature Christians

1. Reflect on 1 John 3: 8. What was Jesus’ purpose on earth, and how does that shape your own calling?
2. How can your gifts and influence serve God’s Kingdom this week?

Jr. & Sr. High Students

1. Read 2 Timothy 1: 9. What does it mean that you are “called with a holy calling”?
2. How can you live with purpose at school, with friends, or online this week?

Families with Young Children

1. Read Matthew 28: 18–20 together. What is Jesus asking His followers to do?
2. How can your family help others know Jesus this week?

Families with Teenagers

1. Read 2 Timothy 1: 8–9 together. What does it mean that your family is called with purpose and grace?
2. How can your family live intentionally to show Jesus' love to others this week?

Personal Application

Ask God to remind you of your purpose—to live for Him and make Him known. Write one step of obedience you can take this week that aligns with that purpose. Whether it's sharing your faith, serving, or forgiving, commit to act on what God shows you.

For Families with Young Children

Together, make a list of ways your family can show Jesus' love this week—visiting someone, praying for a friend, or giving to help others. Choose one to do together, and pray before and after, thanking God for using your family to share His love.

For Families with Teenagers

Talk together about what it means to live with purpose in your community or school. As a family, pick one intentional act of outreach to do this week—invite a friend to church, serve together, or share a testimony online. Pray and ask God to use your family as a light wherever He's planted you.

Bonus Reflection: Living With Purpose

Purpose is not something we chase—it's something we discover in surrender. Jesus showed us that true purpose flows from obedience, not ambition. Throughout this study, we've seen that:

- The seed must die before it multiplies.
- Jesus, the ultimate Seed, gave His life to produce life in us.
- The same Spirit that raised Jesus now lives in believers, empowering us to bear His likeness.
- Dying to self opens the way for God's life to grow through us.
- Every believer is called with divine purpose—to live for Christ and make Him known.

Take time to reflect:

- Read John 12: 24–28 slowly. What does it reveal about Jesus' understanding of His own purpose?
- Write down one way your view of purpose has changed through this study.

- Pray through 2 Timothy 1: 8–9, asking God to make His calling clear in your current season.
- Ask: How can your obedience this week plant a seed that impacts someone else's life?

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Family Idea:

As a family, talk about what it means to live with purpose where God has planted you—at home, school, work, or in your community. Each person can share one way they want to live for Jesus this week. End by praying together, asking God to use your family to multiply His life in others.