

## ORIGINAL

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*"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why." - Mark Twain*

Everyone longs to know their purpose, their calling. Wherever you are in your season of life, whether in your seasoned years, adult years, young adult years, or younger years, at some point in time, you will ask the question, "What should I be doing?" Even in the early years of childhood, for sure, while growing up, kids might have already been asked by some, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" We try to answer this question, and somehow, this will be the trajectory of the next few years of our lives. But there will come a time, or probably it has already come, when we ponder our answer to this question and ask ourselves, "This is what I want to do, but *should* I do it? What is my purpose?" In pursuit of this, there's only one direction that we should go back to – towards our Creator, in a Godward direction.

This is the question that this year's High School Camp entitled "OG" will try to discover. The title

OG, for the High School camp came from the young generation's slang, which means "original". Learning this, the response is always to look back. When it comes to life, if we want to know our original purpose, we also need to look back. We look back to the reason why God created mankind.

**OG High School Camp** aims to usher our youth back to their identity in the Lord as they recall the events in the Creation story. As we recall God's creation of Adam and Eve, more than tending to the garden, it was so that mankind could have fellowship and have an intimate relationship with God. We acknowledge then that, in going back to our original purpose, if we are going to refresh our lives, it will be all about pursuing a deep relationship with God. Our primary calling, more than the different and unique direction God may lead us regarding our career or academic life, is to pursue the heart of our Heavenly Father.

Our hope is that in our 3-day journey together in this camp, we will have: clarity in our identity and calling

in the Lord; contempt for sin, which distracts us and leads us away from our identity and calling in the Lord; contentment as we acknowledge God's grace even in our unfaithfulness; and confidence in Jesus, knowing that through Him, we are now able to go back to our original purpose in the Lord. Everything starts when we step back in the direction of our Heavenly Father.

So, as a church, I ask that we keep our youth in prayer. Pray that each youth will encounter Jesus in a very personal way to the point that it will change the trajectory of his or her life forever, Godward. If you have children in High School, I hope that you can invest in them by sending them to this camp. My prayer is that you, too, will pursue God and grow your relationship with Him. May it also be made clear to you what God's purpose is for you. May we live our lives rested in the Lord, empowered by the Holy Spirit, with confidence to move forward knowing that we are doing what God has purposed us to do with great clarity! ✨