

RAISE THE QUESTION

On October 5, Steve Jobs, the man who had co-founded Apple, Inc., passed away at the age of 56. Days later, the Wall Street Journal published an essay titled, *Steve Jobs: The Secular Prophet*. The essay argues that Jobs worked to create seamless technologies, bent on reversing the curse that arose as a result of the Fall of Mankind. Certainly, you've seen and heard of those who are the Secular Prophets' disciples - those whose mission it is to be the first in line to purchase one of Apple's products.

John Dyer writes in a blog post concerning our society's fascination with Apple's products, "Over the past two decades, come terrorism or economic failure, the one constant is that once or twice a year Apple will bequeath to us a beautiful new machine that will solve problems we didn't know we had. This impulse is so strong that when Apple releases a device that is only *somewhat* better (like the recent iPhone 4S), we find ourselves strangely disappointed." --<http://thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/tgc/2011/10/06/steve-jobs-the-allure-of-technology-and-the-image-of-god/>

What modern-day invention do you value most?

This week, in our series *FULL* we will continue to discuss the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers. Today, we will look at the Spirit-filled life as one full of purpose. As we seek to fulfill God's call on our lives, we will discover that the Spirit enables us to live a "*purpose-full*" life.

SEEK THE ANSWER

Read Matthew 28:18-20, Luke 24:27

Before Christ ascended to heaven, He claimed all authority in heaven and on earth. He then delivered a final command to His disciples that would shape their purpose as leaders in the early Church. **Discuss how people in our society derive their purpose today.**

Christ's final command was that His followers make disciples. He qualified the command by explaining that making disciples involves aspects of activity (going), sharing Christ's Gospel (baptizing) and mentoring or coaching (teaching obedience to Christ). **Which aspect of making disciples do you find most easy or difficult? Why?**

Luke's gospel demonstrates that being a disciple of Christ demands total devotion. Selfishness or temptation sometimes cause us to try and regain control of our lives instead of living for Him. **Discuss ways the Spirit helps a believer to "bear their own cross."**

LIVE THE TRUTH

Read John 8:31-32, 13:35 and Philippians 4:9

The Gospel of John sets out two clear indicators how to discern if someone is a disciple of Christ. Abiding in God's Word and loving other believers are essential to follow Christ. **How can you grow your love for God's Word and for others who follow Christ this week?**

In Paul's letter to the Philippians, he tells the church to do everything that they had learned, received, heard and seen in his ministry. The Spirit must have used Paul's ministry in a wonderful way that it would be set up as a model for the Philippian church to follow. **What steps do you need to take to live a life that begs to be followed, as you follow Christ?**