

Explore God Adventurer's Guide

SESSION ONE

Big Question: *What is my purpose in Christ?*

Scripture Passage (Read these together before beginning your discussion) Romans 8:28; 12:1-2; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Matt. 6:33

Introduction

What do all of the passages have in common?

They all speak to the purpose of life; that is, to glorify God. *How* we do this is the unique expression of each of our lives lived out for the praise of God's glory. Romans 8 speaks of all who are called according to God's purpose, saying "God works all things for good." Romans 12 speaks of our conduct as Christians and testing things to discern the will of God in our expression of living as a sacrifice to Him. Why do we do this? Ecclesiastes writes that we do this because we know what God desires of us and that is that we fear him and keep His commands. In these things, we are keeping our mind focused on the Kingdom of God and His righteousness at work in us (Matthew 6:33).

Watch (9 minutes)

Session 1: [Does Life Have Purpose?](#)

This is a collection of subject matter experts discussing the question. It displays the various questions, struggles, and perspectives of these individuals regarding this week's topic. See what they have to say and discuss it.

Questions for Discussion

After watching the video, choose from this list of questions or ask some of your own to facilitate discussion. If you are open with the group, begin by sharing with the group where you find your purpose in life. Why do you think you look to these things for purpose? In what ways have you invested in pursuits of this purpose?

1. In what ways can you identify with any of the stories in the Curiosity Collective?
2. What did you find intriguing or compelling?
3. How do these stories correlate or not to the passages we read earlier?
4. In the video, Lysa observed: "If I could just discover the right thing, a better job, financial blessing, the right person to love me, the right kids with the right accolades, then I'd feel satisfied." In what ways have you sought satisfaction? Did they satisfy?
5. Can you share a time when you felt like life seemed like a random series of events and a time when it seemed like there was an intentional plan unfolding?
6. In what ways might someone's view of eternity affect their sense of meaning and purpose?
7. If you believe we all have purpose, what role does God play in that – if any?

Watch and Discuss

[Does Everyone Have a Purpose?](#) (3 mins)

Everyone's looking for it, but how do you find your purpose in life? Pete Briscoe examines our desire to find meaning in life.

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1. In addition to the types of purpose Pete mentions, what other types have you considered?
2. Is it possible that God made you for a specific purpose? If so, what do you think yours might be?

Extend the Discussion

Jesus states in Matthew 7:7: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Discovering our purpose is one of the most important endeavors in life. If what Jesus says is true, then if we simply ask, seek, and knock, God will meet us wherever we are and begin to address our heart's desire.

Based on our group's conversation, how does this thought impact you? If it's true that "each of us has a pretty unique story to play" in the world, what's your role?

Wrap Up

To the best of your ability, summarize the main points of your group's discussion. Or, if you are more comfortable, use the text below as a launching pad for concluding the session.

When life seems to make little sense or gets extremely difficult, it's easy to fall prey to the "It's meaningless!" trap. Indeed, the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes is built around these very words. In stark contrast stands the book of Job, in which the lead character exclaims, "Though [God] slay me, yet I will hope in him" (Job 13:15). In other words, hard experiences in life can jade us to any sense of purpose. Rather than looking at life through the lens of our experience, another option is to look for some sense of truth outside ourselves – with God.