

Living Your Purpose Discussion Guide
Lesson 2 - God Smiles
(January 28, 2024)

This study guide is based on the message that is available on YouTube.

Opening Discussion: What simple things bring you pleasure or make you smile?

Dive Deeper:

1. Read Ephesians 1:5. How does this verse affect your level of self-worth and significance? Why do people struggle to believe that the God of the universe created them for his enjoyment and pleasure?
2. According to Psalm 147:11 what delights the Lord and brings him pleasure? What does it mean to fear the Lord? Why would obedience to God and his scripture bring him pleasure and make him smile? Share a time your child brought you great pleasure due to their obedience.
3. What does Ephesians 1:11-14 reveal regarding one of our purposes? What first comes to your mind when you think of worship (glorifying God)? Share ways you like to worship the Lord. Read Hebrews 13:20-21 and discuss how pleasing God is an act of worship.
4. Read Matthew 16:24-25, Romans 6:13 and 12:1. Describe worship according to these verses. How can we worship God at home, work, exercising, shopping, traveling, at sporting events, eating out, etc? Read Romans 15:5-6 and describe another form of worship.
5. What barriers prevent people from worshiping God and bringing him glory? What helps you to be in an attitude of worship, which brings God pleasure?
6. Read Revelation 4:11. God created us for his pleasure, and our worship delights him. What is one thing you could begin doing in 2024 to bring God more glory?

Worship should be a way of life for a believer.

Figure out what will please Christ, and then do it. Ephesians 5:10b MSG

Application: How will you apply Sunday's message and this discussion to your life?