

Living Your Purpose Discussion Guide
Lesson 1 - Begin With God
(January 14, 2024)

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

Opening Discussion: Think of a gift you may have received for Christmas and how its purpose has enhanced your life.

Message Scripture: Ecclesiastes 2:1,10-11, 24-25, Ephesians 1:4, 11, 6:11, and Colossians 1:16

Dive Deeper:

1. Read Ecclesiastes 3:11. Why do you think people have been driven throughout the centuries to find purpose in life? Where or how do people generally search for purpose? Share how you have tried to find purpose other than in God.
2. According to Ecclesiastes 1:5-15, what course will your life take without understanding your purpose? Do you relate to any of these consequences?
3. Read Isaiah 43:7 and Ephesians 1:11-12 (MSG). To what extent do you believe you have been created for God's purpose and glory? Since God is our creator, where should we turn in order to discover our purpose? How do these verses encourage and motivate you to discover your purpose?
4. Philippians 3:12-14 clearly informs us of the benefits of knowing our purpose. List these benefits. Why is it important to be *focused* on the path God has called us to follow? How does knowing our purpose *simplify* our lives and *inspire* us to keep up the good fight as we *prepare for eternity* while living here on earth?
5. Read Psalm 33:11 (NIV). Since God's purposes last forever, what should we be concerned about now?
6. Read Hebrews 12:1. In what ways will the enemy and the world attempt to distract you from your purpose here on earth? What tactics will allow you to counteract these distractions and temptation and stay the course?

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

"I must learn that the purpose of my life belongs to God, not me." Oswald Chambers