

What on Earth am I here for? Days 1-7

“What on earth are you doing?” I’m sure we’ve all heard or used this phrase, usually when someone’s done something embarrassing, to the amusement of others!” But, if we ponder this question for a moment it’s one that can challenge the direction, goals, and purpose of our lives.

- Discuss a time in your life you had to ask yourself, “What am I supposed to do?”

Col. 1:66b Msg.

“...everything got started in Him and finds its purpose in Him”

- What does this verse tell us about our “purpose”

Read first paragraph pg. 17 Purpose Driven Life (PDL) *First paragraph chapter 1*

It’s not about you...

- What were your thoughts/reaction when you first read this?
- Why do we struggle with the search for the purpose of life?

Read first two paragraphs pg. 22 PDL *First two paragraphs of chapter 2*

You are not an accident...

- If God created us exactly the way we are for a reason why do we often try to be something we are not.
- How do the things that drive our lives (guilt, resentment, anger, fear, materialism, need for approval) affect our self image?

Romans 12:3 Msg

“The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what He does for us.”

- What does this verse tell us about trying to understand ourselves?

2 Corinthians 5:1 TEV

“When this tent we live in, our body here on earth, is torn down, God will have a house in heaven for us to live in, a home He himself has made, which will last forever.”

- Do we think of ourselves as eternal beings?

Read last paragraph pg. 37 PDL (C.S. Lewis said...)

When you fully comprehend...

- What does this do for the focus of our lives?
- Compare this to the quote by Anis Nin "We don't see things as they are, we see them as we are."

Life on earth is a Test and Trust

Read first paragraph pg. 43 PDL (*Character is both...*)

Read 2 paragraphs on pg. 44 PDL (*Life on earth is a trust...*)

- Do we see these as opportunities or obstacles in our lives?

Read pg. 53-54 PDL (end with *The heavens declare the glory of God*)

It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ,...he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.

Ephesians 1:11 (Msg)