

SESSION 5

PURPOSE

God&Me&Us

Focus Point

When I consider how I am made by God, I know God has a purpose for me.

The Key Truths

As people, we often have the questions, “Why am I here? What is the purpose of my life?”. This episode speaks of how we can know and understand the God-given purpose of our lives. We are not the result of random cosmic accidents, life is too precise for that to be true. Rather, we are intentionally created, by God, for a purpose - which is to glorify Him and to be His image bearers in the world.

This is our main mission on earth but there may be more specific things that God asks each of us to do. As we follow Him, we learn more about what He is asking us to do.

Scriptures to Consider

- **Genesis 1:27 (ESV)** - *“So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”*
- **Psalms 8:3-6 (NIV)** - *“When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon, and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honour. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet.”*
- **Isaiah 43:7 (ESV)** - *“Everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”*
- **1 Corinthians 10:31 (ESV)** - *“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”*

Group Discussion Questions

Question 1: If we have an object, like a calculator or smartwatch, and we want to discover its purpose – how it works or why it doesn't work – how would we do that?

Answer: We find out who made the item and why they made it. For what purpose was it created?

The best place we can take a broken item to be fixed is back to the person who made or designed it. God is our creator so only God can fix us in our brokenness and sin.

Question 2: If God originally made man in His own image and in His likeness, then what damage do you think has been caused by sin entering the world?

Answer: Since sin entered the world, man has been living his life apart from God. Which means that mankind now finds its purpose outside of God. The man of the world says, "My purpose is to be happy, and therefore I'm going to do whatever makes me the happiest". He has no thought about pleasing his Creator, who made him and owns him. The reality is that this approach ultimately does not work, as mankind is only able to find fulfillment in God.

Facilitator note: *Gauge the maturity of the group you are working with and then decide which of the following questions would be appropriate:*

Question 3: How would you describe yourself in the future, having fulfilled what you think your purpose & dreams are?

Answer: Help the preteens to see that any purpose we try to achieve, that is not centered around Jesus and what He wants for us, will not have eternal value in the end. Refer to the verse of the day.

Question 4: What dreams do you currently have that you think might not actually be part of God's purpose for you?

Answer: Help the kids to be honest and feel safe in answering this question.

Question 5: Have you ever asked God to show you His purposes for your life? Ask the kids if they would like to do that now.

