

What On Earth Am I Here For?

Part 1

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*“Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” **James 1:2-4***

*“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son.” **Romans 8:28-29***

Big Idea: When we fulfill our purpose we will experience peace and satisfaction and God will be glorified.

*“You, Lord, give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm and put their trust in you.” **Isaiah 26:3***

*“For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.” **Romans 11:36***

1. The Search for Your Purpose _____ with God.

*“The Lord has made everything for His own purposes.” **Proverbs 16.4***

You were made by God and for God and until you understand that, life isn't going to make sense.

Question #1 Why was I born? Question of existence

Answer: I was created to be _____ by God!

*“Long before He laid down the earth's foundation, He had us in His mind and settled on us as the focus of His love to be made whole and holy by His love.” **Ephesians 1:4***

Question #2 Does my life even matter? Question of significance

Answer: Yes, because I was made to _____.

*“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.” **2 Corinthians 5:1***

Question #3 *What is the purpose of my life?* Question of intention

Answer: I find my purpose in life by getting to _____ God.

“For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible...everything got started in Him and finds its purpose in Him.”

Colossians 1:16

2. You are Not an _____.

*“All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.” **Psalm 139:16***

*“For we are God’s workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” **Ephesians 2:10***

3. Let Your _____ Drive You to Know God.

*“Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lords will is.” **Ephesians 5:15-17***

What’s going to matter is my relationship with God and if I haven’t made time for God in the day, that day has missed its purpose.

Read the Bible this year

Pastor Brad encouraged us to read the Bible in 2020. Here’s some help getting started. Each day this week read from the Old and New Testament. Or, if you prefer, read just from one testament. Enjoy!

- **1 Samuel 30-31; Luke 13**
- **2 Samuel 1-2; Luke 14**
- **2 Samuel 3-5**
- **2 Samuel 6-8**
- **2 Samuel 9-11; Luke 15**
- **2 Samuel 12-13; Luke 16**
- **2 Samuel 14-15; Luke 17**

Sermon questions

Why was I born?

1. Prior to hearing Pastor Brad's message, did you ever ask yourself this question? How did you answer it?

2. Read the following verses. How do they help you answer the question, "Why was I born?"

Genesis 1:26-28

Psalms 139:13-16

Romans 8:28-30

Does my life even matter?

1. Prior to hearing Pastor Brad's message, did you ever ask yourself this question? How did you answer it?

2. How do these verses help you answer the question, "Does my life matter?"

1 Corinthians 15:35-49

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1

Revelation 22:12

What is the purpose of my life?

1. Prior to hearing Pastor Brad's message, did you ever ask yourself this question? How did you answer it?
2. Read **Colossians 1:16**. What repeated words or phrases do you see in this verse? What point was Paul making?
3. Read **John 17:3** and **Colossians 1:9-10**. Can finite people like us really know the infinite God? What does it mean to *know* God?
4. Read **1 Corinthians 10:31**. What does it mean to *glorify* God?
5. Pastor Brad cited three truths: you were created to be loved by God, you were made to last forever, and the purpose of your life is to know Him. How do those three truths give you strength and hope as you endure the current coronavirus pandemic, or any other trial?