

Personal/ Small Group Sermon Study

Week of February 6, 2022 A.D.

What is the Purpose for Our Lives? We Have Been Created by God and for God

God loves me and He has a wonderful plan for my life. How do I know this? God tells me to in His instruction manual which is called the Bible.

Read Colossians 2:9-10; 1:15-16

1. Did God create all things? If not, who did and how? If so, did God have a purpose for creating all things? Please explain your answers.
2. Do you agree with the statement: "All people were created by God and for God"? Please explain your answer.
3. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "God gave the Bible to us to serve as an instruction manual which explains the purpose for our lives."
4. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "If I want to understand why I am alive and how I am to live, I should study, learn, and follow what the Bible says to do."
5. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "Without God, life makes no sense."
6. To which of the following do you devote more of your time: (a) television, (b) the internet/computer, (c) physical, non-work activity, (d) non-Bible reading, or (e) reading, studying, and meditating upon the teaching of the Bible? Which of these deserves the most of your time? If your answer is not (e), why? If the answer is (e), are you doing it? If not, when do you intend to make it so? Please explain.

Read Ephesians 1:9-10

7. Will time as we know it, and the world as we know it, come to an eventual end? If so, what will replace (a) time? and (b) the world? Please explain.

8. According to these verses, what is God's ultimate intention? Please explain.
9. Is it God's intention for you to receive Christ Jesus as your Savior and Lord? Have you done so? Why? If not, why not? Please explain.
10. Does God want you to live in accordance with the teaching of the New Testament? If so, why? If so, please explain in detail how you are making that happen in your life.

Read 1 John 4:7-8

11. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "I was created as a special object of God's love. God made me so that he could love me. So, I should make it the primary goal of my life to experience and enjoy God's love and to show Him my love in return."
12. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "Because God loves me, my life has meaning, purpose, and value when I acknowledge who God is and when I choose to seek, know, and experience His will for my life."

Read John 14:6

13. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "When I stand before God, He will ask me 'What did you do with my Son, Christ Jesus?' How I answer that question will determine where I spend eternity."

Read Romans 14:9-12

14. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "When I stand before God, He will ask me 'What have you done with what I gave you?' How I answer that question will determine what I do in eternity."

Consider: We have been created by God and for God. My purpose in life is to please God (a) by entering into an eternal relationship with Him by placing my faith in Jesus alone for salvation and (b) by obeying His commands as expressed in the Bible. "You think about that." Amen.