

Part 1	Purpose
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God created us with a purpose in mind

“...thus says the Lord, who created the heavens, who is God, who formed the earth and made it, who has established it, who did not create it in vain”

Isaiah 45.18 (NKJV)

“The Lord has made everything for its own purpose”

Proverbs 16.4 (NASB)

HAS GOD’S PURPOSE CHANGED OVER TIME?

Your Observations <i>What does the Bible say? ♦ What do you think it means?</i>		Your Questions <i>What is unclear?</i>	More Verses <i>Optional</i>
2 Timothy 1.9	“God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began” (ESV)		Psalm 139.13-16
Ephesians 1.4-6	“...he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will” (ESV)		Romans 8.29

WHAT DO THE FOLLOWING SAY ABOUT GOD’S PURPOSE TOWARD US?

Your Observations <i>What does the Bible say? ♦ What do you think it means?</i>		Your Questions <i>What is unclear?</i>	More Verses <i>Optional</i>
Acts 17.24-25	<i>Does God need us?</i>		Psalm 50.10-13 Isaiah 66.1-2 Isaiah 40.12-29

Job 35.6-7	Do our actions add to or take away significance from God?		Proverbs 8.36 Jeremiah 7.19
Isaiah 43.7	Why does God say he created us?		Isaiah 43.21 Isaiah 48.11 John 17.4
John 3.16	What does Jesus say God's motivation was for "saving" us?		1John 4.9-10 Romans 5.8
1John 2.12	Why else did God save us? What do you think this means?		Psalm 25.11 Psalm 79.9 Ezekiel 20.44

- **When receiving a gift, it is important to know what the giver's motivations are – "Does he expect anything in return?" "Will he be disappointed if I re-gift it next year"? In your own words, what would you say are God's motivations for giving us forgiveness?**
- **How could knowing God's motivation for giving us forgiveness and change the way you relate to God?**

WHAT DO THE FOLLOWING SAY ABOUT...

Your Observations What does the Bible say? ♦ What do you think it means?		Your Questions What is unclear?	More Verses Optional
Genesis 1.26-28	...God's purpose for creating us?		Genesis 9.1 Genesis 15.5
1Peter 3.18	...Jesus purpose for dying for our sins?		John 14.6 John 17.2-3

John 15.16	...Jesus purpose for calling the first disciples?		Matthew 4.19
Romans 7.4	...Jesus' purpose for initiating a relationship with us?		Matthew 3.8

What does this mean for me?

How can I apply this to my life?

- **Has God impressed anything on you from these scriptures that you would like to change in your life?**

- **1Peter 3.18 says that Jesus died so that he might “bring us to God” – to have a relationship with him. How would you describe your relationship with God currently?**
 - **What areas of your relationship with God are strong?**

 - **What areas are weak?**

Other Resources

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