

Purpose-driven life

Day 4

1. 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 house he himself has made, which will last forever. **Ture or False**
2. While life on Earth offers many choices, eternity offers only two: _____ or ____.
3. If you learn to love and trust God's son, Jesus, you will be invited to spend the rest of eternity with him. On the other hand, if you reject his _____, _____, and _____, you will spend eternity apart from God forever.
4. When you live in _____, your _____. You use your time and money more wisely. You place a higher premium on relationships and character instead of fame or wealth or achievement or even fun.
5. If your time on earth were all there is to your life, I would suggest you start living it up immediately. You Could forget being good and ethical, and you wouldn't have to worry about any consequences of your

actions. You could indulge yourself and total _____ - _____ because your actions would have no long-term repercussions.

6. And this makes all the difference; death is not the end of you! Death is not your termination, but your transition into eternity, _____. Every act of our lives strikes some chord that will vibrate in eternity.

7. God has a _____, but it doesn't end here. His plan involves far more than the few decades you will spend on this planet. It's more than "the opportunity of a lifetime"; God offers you an opportunity beyond your lifetime. The Bible says God's plans endure forever and his purpose lasts eternally.

8. The only time most people think about _____ is at funerals, and then it's often shallow, sentimental thinking, based on ignorance. You may feel it's morbid to think about death, but actually is unhealthy to live in denial of death and not consider what is inevitable.

9. Only a fool will go through life unprepared for what we all know will eventually happen. You need to think more about eternity, not less. **Ture or False**

Activity: “Time Capsule” Virtual: Have members share one thing they would put in a virtual “time capsule” that represents their faith journey.

In-Person: Each person writes down something (on paper) they would put in a real time capsule to be opened in a year.

Individual Study Prompt: Reflect on what it means to have an eternal perspective. How does this change your daily decisions?

Discussion Questions:

1.How does understanding eternity shape how you live today?

2.What distractions keep us from focusing on eternal things?

3.How can we encourage each other to live with an eternal perspective?

Day 5 seeing life from God's view

1. What is your view of life?
2. God's view of life: life is a _____
3. Life On Earth is a test. This life metaphor is seen in stories throughout the Bible. God continuously test people's _____
4. Testing are words like _____, _____, and _____ occurs more than 200 times in the Bible.
5. You will be tested by major changes, _____, and _____, _____, _____, and even senseless tragedies.
6. A very important test is how you act when you can't feel _____ in your life. Sometimes God intentionally draws back, and we don't sense his closeness.
7. The good news is that God wants you to pass the test of life, so he never allows the tests you face to be greater than the _____ to give you to handle them.

8. Every time you pass a test God noticed and made plans to _____. The book of James says ***blessed are those who endure and they are tested. When they pass the test, they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.***
9. **Life on Earth is a trust** our time on earth and our energy, and intelligence, opportunity, relationship, and resources are all _____ that he has entrusted to our care and management.
10. At the end of your life on Earth you will be _____ and _____ according to how well you handed what God and trusted to you. That means everything you do, even some daily chores, has eternal implications. If you treat everything as a trust, God promised three rewards in eternity. First you will be giving God's _____: He will say good job! Well done! next you will receive a _____ and be given great responsibility in eternity.

Life is a test and a trust, and the more God gives you, the more responsible he expects you to be.

Activity: “Life as a Metaphor”

Virtual & In-Person: Ask each person to describe their life as a metaphor (e.g., “My life is like a race because...” or “My life is like a puzzle because...”).

Individual Study Prompt: Read Psalm 90:12 and reflect on how numbering your days can lead to wisdom.

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some ways God uses tests and challenges to shape us?
2. How does seeing life as a temporary assignment change how we handle trials?
3. What metaphor best describes your life right now, and why?

Day 6 life is a temporary assignment

1. To make the best use of your life, you must never forget two truths first. Compared with eternity, _____ Second earth is only a _____.

2. This is not your permanent home or final destination. You're just passing through, _____. The Bible used terms like alien, pilgrim, foreigner, stranger, visitors, and travelers to describe our brief state on Earth.
3. Your identity is in eternity, and your homeland is heaven. When you grasp this truth, you will stop worrying about "having it all" on earth. God is very blunt about the danger of living for the here and now and adopting the value's priorities, and lifestyles of the world around us. When we flirt with the temptations of this world, God calls it

_____.

You're cheating on God. If all you want is your own way, flirting with the world every chance you get, you end up enemies of God and his way.

4. We are Christ's ambassadors Sadly, many Christians have betrayed their king and his kingdom. They have foolishly concluded that because they live on Earth, _____. It is not. The Bible is clear: ***friends this world is not your home, so don't make yourself cozy in it Don't indulge your ego at the expense of your soul.***

5. In God's eyes, the greatest heroes of faith are not those who achieve prosperity, success, and power in this life, but those who treat this life as a _____ and serve faithfully, expecting their promised reward and in eternity.

6. *It takes _____ to live on earth as a foreigner.*

7. At death you won't leave home you'll go _____.

Activity: “Pilgrim’s Journey”

Virtual & In-Person: Each person shares one “temporary assignment” they’ve experienced (e.g., a job, school, or situation they knew wouldn’t last) and how it prepared them for something greater.

Individual Study Prompt: Read Hebrews 11:13-16. What does it mean to be a stranger and pilgrim on earth?

Discussion Questions:

1. How can we live as citizens of heaven while still being engaged on earth?

2.What comforts or habits hold us back from seeing life as temporary?

3.What's one practical step to keep your focus on eternity this week?

Day 7 the reason for everything

What is the glory of God?

1. It is who God is. It is the essence of his nature: The weight of his importance, the radiance of his splendor, _____, and the atmosphere of his presence.
2. We cannot add anything to his _____, just as it would be impossible for us to make the sunshine brighter.
3. In the entire universe, only two of God's creations fail to bring glory to him: _____ (demons) and (_____).

4. All sin, at its root, is failing to give God glory. it is loving anything else more than God. Refusing to bring glory to God is _____, and it is the sin that caused Satan's fall and ours, too in different ways we all have lived for our own glory, not God's

The Bible says all have sin and fall short of the glory of God.

5. **We bring God glory by worshiping him.** Worship is our _____ to God. we worship God by enjoying him, in commanding us to glorify him, God is inviting us to enjoy him.

6. Worship is for more than praising, singing, and praying to God. Worship is a _____ of enjoying God, loving him, and giving ourselves to be used for his purpose.

7. Following Christ is not just a matter of believing; it also includes _____.

8. Spiritual maturity is becoming like Jesus in the way we think, feel, and act. The more you develop _____ the more you will bring glory to God. ***As the spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect his glory even more.***

9. Who brings God glory by serving others with our gifts. Each of us were _____ by God with talents, gifts, skills, and abilities. The way you're "wired" is not an accident. God didn't give you your abilities for selfish purposes. They were given to benefit others, just as others were given abilities for your benefits.

Activity: "Glory Hunt"

Virtual & In-Person: each person shares a short testimony (*1-2 minutes*) to share a recent moment where they saw God's glory in their daily life (e.g., nature, an answered prayer).

Individual Study Prompt: Read 1 Corinthians 10:31 and write down three ways you can glorify God in your daily routine.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does knowing that everything exists for God's glory change your perspective?

2. What are some specific ways you can glorify God at work, home, or in friendships?

3. Is there anything in your life that competes with giving God glory?

Day 8 Planned for God's Pleasure

1. **Bringing pleasure to God is called worship.**

The Bible says the Lord is pleased only with those who worship him and trust his love. **True or False**

2. There is no such thing as Christian music; there are only Christian lyrics. It is the words that make a song_____, not the tune.

3. Worship is not for your benefit, we worship for God's benefit! When we worship, our goal is to bring _____to God not ourselves.

4. Isaiah 29 God complained about worship that is half-hearted and hypocritical. The people were offering God stale prayers, insincere praise, empty words, and man-made rituals without even thinking about the meaning. God's heart is not touch by_____, but by_____ and_____.

The Bible says, *those people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men.*

5. worship is not a part of your life;_____. Worship is not just for church service. We are told to worship him continually and to praise him from sunrise to sunset.

Activity: “Worship Scavenger Hunt”

Virtual & In-Person: Each person shares one song, verse, or image that inspires them to worship.

In-Person: Bring an object or image that reminds you of God’s goodness and explain why.

Individual Study Prompt:

Spend 10 minutes worshiping God in a creative way (through music, art, journaling, movement) and reflect on the experience.

Discussion Questions:

1.What does it mean to live a lifestyle of worship beyond just singing?

2.How do you personally connect with God in worship?

3.What distractions hinder your ability to worship God daily?

Day 9 what makes God smile

1. Since pleasing God is the_____ of your life, your most important task is to discover how to do that.

The Bible says *figure out what will please Christ and then do it.*

2. God smiles when we obey him_____.

3. God doesn't owe you an explanation or reason for everything he asks you to do. **Ture or False**

4. Often we try to offer God _____. We want to pick and choose the commands we obey. We make a list of commands we like and obey those why ignoring the ones we think are unreasonable, difficult, expensive, or unpopular.

- I'll attend Church but I won't tithe. I'll read my Bible but I won't forgive the person who hurt me. Yet partial obedience is _____. Wholehearted obedience is done joyfully with enthusiasm.

David said just tell me what to do and I will do it, Lord. As long as I live I'll wholeheartedly obey.

5. Any act of obedience is also an act of _____.

6. Why is obedience so pleasing to God? Because it proves _____. Jesus said if you love me you will obey my commandment.

- You may feel that the only time God is pleased with you is when you are doing spiritual activities. like reading the Bible, attending church, praying, or sharing your faith. And you may think God is unconcerned about the other parts of your life. Actually God _____,

whether you are working, playing, resting, or eating.
He doesn't miss a single move you make.

The Bible tells us the steps of the godly are directed by the Lord. he delights in every detail of their lives.

Activity: “Smile Challenge”

Virtual & In-Person: Share a story or moment where you believe God smiled at something you did.

Individual Study Prompt: Read Hebrews 11:6. How does faith please God? Write down one act of faith you can take this week.

Discussion Questions:

- 1.What are some specific ways we can bring joy to God?
- 2.How can we develop a childlike faith that trusts God completely?
- 3.What's one step of obedience you can take this week to make God smile?

Day 10 The Heart of Worship

1. The heart of worship is surrender **Ture or False**
2. **Surrender** is an unpopular word, disliked almost as much as the word **submission**. It implies losing, and no one wants to be a loser. _____ the unpleasant image of admitting defeat and battle, forfeiting a game or yielding to a stronger opponent.
3. This act of _____ it's called many things: consecration, making Jesus your Lord, taking up your cross, dying to self, yielding to the spirit. What matters is that you do it, not what you call it. God wants your life all of it. 95% is not enough.

There are three barriers that block all total surrender to God, _____, _____, and _____.

4. **Can I trust God?** Trust is an _____ to _____. You won't surrender to God unless you trust him.
5. Surrendered people _____ even if it doesn't make sense.

6. You also know you are surrendered when you don't _____ and rush to defend yourself.
7. _____ says father, if this problem, pain, sickness, or circumstance is needed to fulfill your purpose and glory in my life or in others, please don't take it away.
8. **The best way to live.** Everybody eventually surrenders to _____. If not to God, you will surrender to opinions or expectations of others, to money, to resentment, to fear, or to your own pride, lust, or ego.
9. You are free to choose what you surrender to, but you are not free from the _____.

Activity: “Letting Go”

Virtual & In Person: Have members identify one thing they need to surrender to God today. *(you can be free your in a safe place). (No judgement zone)*

In-Person: Write a struggle on a small piece of paper and place it in a “God’s Hands” jar / box to symbolize surrender.

Individual Study Prompt: Reflect on Romans 12:1 and write a prayer of surrender to God.

Discussion Questions:

- 1.What does it mean to truly surrender to God?
- 2.Why is surrender difficult, and what holds us back?
- 3.What’s one area of your life you need to surrender more fully to God?