



*Antioch*  
Fairfax Station, VA

# The Man In The Mirror

Solving the 24 Problems Men Face

Part1 Chapter 4 “Significance: The Search For Meaning  
And Purpose”

Antioch Baptist Church Men’s Forum

From The Lounge Room

Saturday May 29, 2021

8-9:30 a.m.

ZOOM Teleconference



# Agenda

- **Welcome/Prayer**
- **Praise in Song**
- **Objectives**
- **Session Introduction**
  - **Defining the Terms**
  - **Defining the Problem**
  - **Significance “Finding It”**
  - **Power**
  - **The Game of Tens**
  - **Self-Gratification or God’s Agenda “which are you seeking?”**
- **Special Announcements**
- **Closing Remarks**
- **Adjournment**

# Objectives

- Define Meaning and Purpose
- Determine what is the problem
- Discuss ways of finding significance
- Discuss Self-Gratification
- Discuss God's Agenda Being a Doer

# Session Introduction

In this session we will discuss mans most innate desire which is to be significant and to determine his purpose and meaning in life

# *Defining the Terms*

- Purpose: The object toward which one strives or for which something exists; an aim or goal
- Meaning: The core of whatever we do. It is only through meanings that we make sense of our existence. In life we find meaning through a sense of purpose which makes life worthwhile

# *The Problem*

- Some men are eager for the spoils of this life, pursue significance by gratifying only their own ambitions, others, trained by the Scriptures, find it by obeying God.
- The difference in the two is in how they go about satisfying the need to be significant.

# *Do you really know:*

- **Who you are ?**
- **Why do you exist?**

# *Finding It*

- Answering the question “Who am I?” and “Why do I exist?” determines how we pursue our significance.
- Answering the above questions divides men succinctly into two groups: those who pursue significance in appropriate ways and those who pursue significance in inappropriate ways. Our desire to satisfy this need can take us close to or far away from the things of God.
- Jesus said, “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing” (John 15:5)



# *Inappropriate Ways of Finding It*

- Fame: Memories are short. When we try to answer the question “Who am I?” in terms of our fame and worldly accomplishment, we select an identity that will fade like sun-bleached furniture.
- Possessions: We all have unsatisfied Eyes! When possessions and money become a surrogate for our real identity, who we are is tied to things that rust and rot away.

# *POWER: WHAT'S HIS NAME AGAIN?*

- The ability to control people, the ability to influence the big decisions, the ability to change the course of history — these have been chief ways of satisfying a man's need to be significant from the earliest days of recorded history.
- The thrill of closing the big deal, the power to allocate massive resources to a project, the ability to persuade a prospect to buy your product even at higher prices than your competitors' — these accomplishments are intoxicating and give the aura of power. We can begin to believe we have special abilities mere mortals are not endowed with!
- “Enjoy your power while you can, because once you retire, they don't return your calls anymore.”

# *The Game of Tens*

- **Can you name 10 of the 12 Disciples?**

# *The Game of Tens*

- **Can you name the Last 10 Presidents before President Biden?**

# *The Game of Tens*

- **Can you name the 10 Commandments?**

# *The Game of Tens*

- **Can you name the Last 10 Super Bowl Champs?**

# *The Game of Tens*

- **Name 10 states with the letter “S” *in* their name**

# *The Game of Tens*

- **Can you name 10  
Beatitudes from the  
Sermon on the Mount?**



# *Self-Gratification or God's Agenda?*

- **Our society — as the scales have tipped toward individual rights and away from Judeo-Christian values — has immersed itself in pursuit of self-gratifying activity. Focus on personal peace and affluence has largely replaced deeply held, self-sacrificing convictions (and the resulting community-building causes) that benefit the human condition.**
- **The difference between self-gratification and significance is found in the motive and attitude, not in the task. Two men working side by side in an office can fulfill the exact same job description, yet have entirely different impacts.**
- **“Does what I am about to do contribute to the welfare of others in a demonstration of faith, love, obedience, and service to Christ?”**
- **Can you think of anything worse than coming to the wrong conclusion about Christ?**

# *The Game of Tens*

- **Name 10 questions you want to ask God**

# *Upcoming Events*

- **5 Jun 2-3p Graduation Drive-thru ABC**
- **12 June 10 am Military Care Share**
- **21-24 June Virtual Vacation Bible School**
- **26 June Men's Forum ZOOM  
Teleconference**



# Next Meeting

**June 26, 2021**

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Part 1: Chapt 5

# *Thanks For Your Support!*

- **Continue to pray for the World as we prayerfully battle the COVID-19 Pandemic**
- **Looking forward to our next Teleconference forum on **26 June 2021****
- **Continue to maintain contact with your forum brothers**
- **Invite A Brother to Join Us!!!!**
- **\*Check ABC Homepage for Updates**



# Attendance Email

We prayerfully request all brothers attending this mornings forum to please send me an email to identify yourself as an attendee. We don't have a sign up roster as we do when we meet onsite and we would like to know who's Zooming with us and to acknowledge our guest. A simple Email with your name in the email title is good. Sample: "It's me Bro Eli Hobbs". You can add more to your email but this is the minimum requested.

Email me at [ktarrant@antioch-church.org](mailto:ktarrant@antioch-church.org)

Thanks in Advance!