



WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?

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PART 1: THE CALL IS FOR YOU!

Question of Existence: Why Do I Exist?
God Created You to **LOVE YOU.**

Ephesians 1:4 (NLT)

4 Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.

Question of Significance: Does My Life Matter?
You Were Made to Last **FOREVER** (And You Will).

2 Corinthians 5:1 (NLT)

For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands.

Question of Purpose: What On Earth Am I Here For?
Jesus is Your Creator. He's the Only One Who Can Tell You What He Created You **FOR.**

*"I am your Creator. Before you were even born you were in my care."
– Isaiah 44:2 (CEV)*

Romans 8:28–30 (ESV)

28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

1. First, You Are Called to **JESUS.**

2. Then, You Are Called to **BECOME LIKE JESUS.**

Worship	– WORSHIP PASSIONATELY
Fellowship	– LOVE SELFLESSLY
Discipleship	– LEARN CONTINUALLY
Ministry	– GIVE GENEROUSLY
Evangelism	– LIVE MISSIONALLY

1:10 HOMEWORK

Open Your Group in Prayer

"Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you." – Jeremiah 1:5 (Message)

1. How does knowing God has holy plans for you help you discard your own plans and turn your life over to Him? Individually share what good works God is calling you to do.

"I am your Creator. You were in my care even before you were born!" – Isaiah 44:2 (CEV)

2. You are deeply loved; so much so that God cared about you even before you were born. Going forward, how will you live life differently knowing God created you for a unique mission, one that only you can accomplish?

"By calling me into his service, Jesus has judged me trustworthy, even though I used to be a blasphemer and a persecutor and contemptuous. Mercy, however, was shown me, because while I lacked faith, I acted in ignorance." – 1 Timothy 1:12-13 (NJB)

3. Paul was a persecutor of God's people – basically a religious terrorist, threatening Christians with death if they did not convert to his way of thinking – yet God chose him to become a champion of the faith, even to the point of writing most of the New Testament. How does the story of Paul challenge you to answer God's call to service? Knowing that God never wastes what happens in our lives, what excites you most about God's call in your life?

*"The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it."
– 1 Thessalonians 5:24 (NIV)*

4. What difficult task are you facing in your life that seems impossible? How does knowing God will empower you to complete this task change your perspective on it? Share how a past challenge has nurtured you and developed your faith.

*"Live the kind of life that pleases God, who calls you to share in his own Kingdom and glory."
– 1 Thessalonians 2:12 (TEV)*

5. Where are you using your influence for the glory of God? Everything God has done for you, including redeeming you from your sinful failures, will bring glory to him. As a group, spend some time encouraging each other to more fully live out a personal calling from God.

6. Your calling to become like Jesus is connected to others. It cannot be fulfilled alone. Who are the people who help you in your calling? During or after your 1:10, thank them and ask them for specific help in accomplishing your next step.

7. What areas of your life do you see as a hindrance to accomplishing your purpose? Pray 2 Thessalonians 1:11 and fast about these areas, asking God to empower you to overcome them. Then step out in faith and let God work through you.