

Pastor George's Notes

"40 Days of Purpose: What On Earth Am I Here For?"

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*I am excited as we begin this 40 day journey together, reading "The Purpose Driven Life" and discussing it together with your family, friends, connect group or whatever level of community you enjoy. The key is to read it and allow Holy Spirit to impart into you and help you to discover the answer to life's most important question: What on earth am I here for? The next 40 days could transform your life: **Romans 12:2 NKJV***

A few helpful points on how we are going to do this:

1. The book has 40 brief chapters.
2. Read one chapter a day.
3. Don't just read the book, personalize it.
4. At the end of each chapter, work on the section called "Thinking About My Purpose."

We encourage you to meet with your connect group, family or friends every week over seven weeks to discuss that week's reading and the message I deliver to you concerning that particular purpose. Suzanne and I are excited about this time together and believe that a journey is always better when it is shared.

LET'S BEGIN...WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?

Proverbs 11:28 (MSG)

Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NKJV)

Day 1: It All Starts With God

Colossians 1:16 (MSG)

- It's Not About You:
 - If you want to know why you were placed on the earth, you must begin with God.
 - You were born by His purpose and for His purpose... (until you understand this, life will never make sense).

1 Corinthians 2:7 (MSG)

- God is not just the starting point of your life; He is the source of it.

Ephesians 1:11-12 (MSG)

- This verse gives us three insights into our purpose:
 1. You discover your identity and purpose through a relationship with Jesus Christ.
 2. You see that God was thinking of you long before you ever thought about Him.
 3. The purpose of your life fits into a much larger, cosmic purpose that God has designed for eternity.

Day 2: You Are Not An Accident

Isaiah 44:2a (CEV)

- You are not an accident.

- Your birth was no mistake or mishap, and your life is no fluke of nature.
- Your parents may not have planned you, but God did.

Psalms 138:8a (NKJV)

Psalms 139:15 (MSG)

Psalms 139:16 (MSG)

Acts 17:26 (NKJV)

I close with this:

- While there are illegitimate parents, there are no illegitimate children.
- God never does anything accidentally.
- God never makes mistakes.
- God has a reason for everything...God has a reason for You!