

EXTRA! Ideas for Adults – Created for a Purpose

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The Point: God values each of us and created us for a purpose.

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Get Into the Study

Use the following to introduce today's session.

A police officer in California has recently made national news for delivering pizza. When Officer Datil [arrested a pizza deliveryman](#), he probably wasn't too concerned about whether the pizza would arrive on time. However, pizza is important if you are the one waiting for dinner to arrive. So Officer McCarthy stepped in to deliver the pizza.

When Officer McCarthy decided to become a policeman, pizza delivery was not part of the job description. However, serving others was. So instead of making excuses or dismissing the call, he took this opportunity to fulfill a duty.

Each of us has been created for a purpose by God. The details of the job description vary, but as God presents us with opportunities to serve Him, we are at our best when we don't make excuses but step up to the task. This week we will see how Jeremiah responded when God called him to fulfill his purpose.

Live It Out

As you conclude today's session, share the following story as a reminder of the value of every life.

A 27-year old baby [was born](#) on October 26th. Molly Everette Gibson is the oldest known frozen embryo to be born. She broke the record previously set by her sister, Emma Wren Gibson, who was born in 2017 after being frozen as an embryo for 24 years. The genetic sisters had been frozen together and now have the chance to grow up together, as well.

God has a purpose for Molly and Emma. He created both of them with great care. Similarly, *God values each of us and created us for a purpose*. Consider the value that God has placed on you and each person you come in contact with this week. Look for opportunities to fulfill your purpose and to support others in their God-given purposes.

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Additional Questions

Icebreaker

- What are some things you really appreciate in life that others seem to overlook?
- What animal best describes your personality?
- How would you define your mission or purpose in life?

Jeremiah 1:4-5

- When have you felt called or drawn to accomplishing a specific task?
- How can we be sure about God's purpose for our lives?
- How has an understanding of God's plan encouraged you in a difficult season?

Jeremiah 1:6-8

- When you know God is with you, how does it affect your attitude toward everyday life?
- What are some fears that we may have that hinder our witness for the Lord?
- Why is humility integral to being used by God?

Jeremiah 1:9-10

- In what ways does God equip us to do His work?
- How do we make ourselves available for God to use?
- How does it feel to know that God has given you everything you need to fulfill your purpose?