



THE PURPOSE FOR HUMAN BEINGS

A guided discussion on the topic of God's purpose for human beings

OPENER

What are some ideas of where human beings came from?

Prompts if no response: Evolution, the Big Bang, aliens dropped them off on earth, creation.

Discussion Question 1:

Why do you think God made human beings?

Prompts if no response: To be a part of His Family, to do His will, to be a light to other human beings.

Discussion Question 2:

What does it mean to be a human being?

Prompts if no response: We don't live forever physically; we are different from animals because of the spirit in man, which is what allows us to be human, giving us things such as self-awareness, intellect, and creativity; we make mistakes and are not perfect like God is; we have the opportunity to have the Spirit of God in us; we have the opportunity for eternal life.

Discussion Question 3:

What is God's plan for human beings now and in the future?

Prompts if no response: For us to repent of sin (which is the breaking of God's law) and become spirit beings (not angels, but members of God's family!) when Christ returns; some human beings won't be called until after Christ returns.





Hypothetical 1:

What would you think or say if you heard this: “Humans evolved from monkeys.”

Prompts if no response: I believe God created human beings; there would be many more fossils of changing species if evolution were true; the human brain has some similarities to animals’ brains, but the spirit in man is what sets our abilities far above those of any animal.

Hypothetical 2:

What would you say if you were told: “God made humans with an immortal soul.”

Prompts if no response: The Bible says the soul that sins will die; the immortal soul is from Egyptian and Greek tradition, not Christianity; the spirit in man is different than an immortal soul; the Bible says a soul is life and breath, not a spiritual component separated from physical life; human beings have to be given the gift of eternal life, we don’t have it automatically.

CLOSER

What can human beings do to glorify or please God?

Prompts if no response: Keep His commandments, be kind and humble and loving to other human beings, praise and worship Him as the Creator of all things instead of worshipping the creation.

SCRIPTURES FOR MORE STUDY OR REFERENCE

Romans 8:14-17; Ezekiel 18:4; Genesis 1:27; 1 Timothy 6:12; Romans 6:23; 1 Corinthians 2:11; John 15:8

