

# The Meaning of Life

## Open with Prayer Requests

### Read Ecclesiastes 1:1–2; 12:13–14

- Why do you think Ecclesiastes begins with the shocking statement that “everything is meaningless”?
- What are some of the things people pursue today that Solomon would consider “meaningless”?
- How does Solomon conclude his quest for purpose? What does he determine to be worth doing in this life?
- What does it mean to “fear God” in a healthy, biblical sense?
- How would your daily life change if you truly lived with this perspective?

### Read 1 Corinthians 3:10–15

- What does Paul say is the only true foundation of the Church?
- What are some examples of “gold, silver, and costly stones”? What can we contribute to the Kingdom of God that has worth? What accomplishments have eternal value?
- What does it mean that our work will be tested by fire?
- How is it possible to be saved, yet have your life’s work “burned up”?
- How does this passage challenge the way you think about success and accomplishment?

### Read Ephesians 2:8–10

- According to this passage, how are we saved? Why is it important that salvation is a gift?
- Why does Paul emphasize that salvation is “not by works”?
- What does it mean that we are “God’s handiwork”?
- How does knowing you were created on purpose change your view of yourself?
- What does it mean that God prepared good works in advance for you to do?
- At this point in your life, can you answer the question, “Why did God put me on this planet?”
- What are some common ways people try to find purpose apart from God?
- How can focusing on temporary achievements distract us from eternal purpose?
- What might your “resume” look like if you were presenting it to Jesus?
- There are four steps we can take to help us discover our God given purpose:  
*1-Pray. 2-Serve Jesus in general ways. 3-Discover your gifts. 4-Recognize how you are uniquely positioned.* What does it mean to be “uniquely positioned” for God’s work? Can you think of an example in your own life?
- Why is it important not to compare your calling to someone else’s?
- Why can’t we fulfill our purpose alone? How does community play a role?
- How might your personal calling connect with the mission of your church?
- What is one practical step you can take this week to pursue God’s purpose for your life?

## Closing Prayer