

Are You Seeking?

By: Dan Jenkins

Surely there are those moments in the lives of every person where he thinks about why he is on this earth and if there is a deeper meaning to life. Every day our calendars are filled with activities from early morning to late evening, but in those moments, what is the answer when you ask, “Why am I doing this or why am I here?”

In Paul’s sermon on Mars Hill, he affirms that God is the source of all life and breath and has placed limits of time and boundaries in men’s lives, “...so that they should seek the Lord in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him” (**Acts 17:25-27**). In the Old Testament, God used this imagery and adds one other element to the man groping to find Him. “You shall grope at noonday, as a blind man gropes in darkness” (**Deut. 28:29**). Have you had those moments when you felt like you were a blind man seeking to find the meaning of life?

Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, there were the Greek philosophers who struggled with this. There were two extreme positions proposed as the answers. On the one hand were the Epicureans who said that happiness was to be found by denying all restraints. They said, “Let us eat drink and be merry for tomorrow we die.” Paul spoke of this view of life when he wrote to the church in Corinth. He said that if there is no resurrection this would likely be a good choice (**1 Cor. 15:32**).

On the other hand, the Greeks had their Stoics who went to the other extreme and advocated that abstaining from satisfying the body we should live a life of denial. Paul showed this when he described this idea as one of “will worship” and said, “If you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why as though living in the world do you subject yourselves to regulations—‘Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle,’ which all concern things which perish?” (**Col. 2:20-22**).

So, what is the truth about why you are here? When God created Adam as a living soul, He placed that soul in a body formed from the dust of the ground (**Gen. 2:7**). It is that soul, that spirit who causes you to ask about your existence. The answer is found in another spirit God placed in a body made of dust. The spirit of Jesus existed in heaven and before He came into the world He said, “A body you have prepared for Me...behold I have come to do Your will” (**Heb. 10:5-9**). Our body and soul are His!

You will not find Him in modern philosophy, but in the life of Jesus. Seek for the meaning of life in Him. When Paul spoke of men groping for Him at Mars Hill, he added, “He is not far from each of you.” We, too, have come to do His will!

YOU Are Important to Jesus!

By: Selected

Have you ever had someone tell you that you were “important” to them, only to find out later that wasn’t really the case? Maybe a boss said, “You are incredibly important to this company.” Maybe a sweetheart told you, “You are the most important thing in my life.” But, after some time passed, the job and/or the sweetie had left you.

That can make you a bit cynical of being told that “You are important.” But, when it comes to Jesus, you’ve got it in writing!

Message from Jesus: “You are important to Me, because I made you!” In the very first chapter of the Bible, we read God saying, “Let Us make man in Our image” (**Gen. 1:26-27**). No other being on this earth has been created with an eternal spirit except for humans (**Zech. 12:1**; **Ecc. 12:7**). Jesus made “all things” (**John 1:3**; **Col. 1:16**), giving us the gift of “life” (**John 1:4**). Yes, YOU are important to Jesus!

Message from Jesus: “You are important to Me, because I died for you!” The humans that God created in His image disobeyed Him and brought sin into the world (**Rom. 5:12**), separating themselves from God Himself (**Isa. 59:1-2**). Jesus “became flesh” and lived on this earth (**John 1:14**), and then He died on the cross (**Rom. 5:8**), bearing man’s sins (**Isa. 53:6**; **1 Pet. 2:24**) and shedding His blood to redeem us from our sins (**Eph. 1:7**). There is “no greater love” than that (**John 15:13**)! Yes, YOU are important to Jesus!

Message from Jesus: “You are important to Me, because I prepared heaven for you!” As His created beings who will spend eternity somewhere beyond life on this earth, Jesus invites us to go home

with Him in heaven. In fact, He said that He was going from this earth, after His death and resurrection, “to prepare a place” just for His people (**John 14:3**). It is “reserved in heaven” (**1 Pet. 1:3-4**). One day He will return and usher away God’s children to “always be with” Him (**1 Thess. 4:17**). Yes, YOU are important to Jesus!

Message from Jesus: “You are important to Me, because I have told you how to get to heaven.” Wouldn’t it be something if He went to all the trouble of making us in His image, dying for our sins on the cross and preparing a place for us in heaven, and then He didn’t tell us how to get there? That would be like telling someone that there is a massive fortune that was left to them but not giving them directions to find it. Fortunately, Jesus has left very clear instructions: “Eternal salvation” is available “to all who obey Him” (**Heb. 5:9**). Keep reading in the coming weeks to know exactly what He wants us to do (**Matt. 7:21-23**).

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Upcoming Events

TONIGHT: Monthly youth devo at the White home. Girls bring desserts, boys bring drinks.

Area events:

Area events/details are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please check them out.

Prayer List

Prayer Requests:

Allen Clifton who had a PET scan recently.

Rick Bass who is still having tests done to get a correct diagnosis.

Draven Garcia who will be having knee surgery this month.

Kidron Lehtinen who had an MRI recently and who was in the hospital.

Richard Hill who was admitted in the hospital last week for possible pneumonia.

Dave and Luann Rogers. Their household belongings and furniture were destroyed in a fire during their move back to Texas.

Members

Jeff Cannady, Jerry FitzSimmons, James Hicks, and Veronica Serenil.

Sandi Fricks was baptized last Sunday.

Please sign up to open/close the building, prepare communion, and host youth devos for 2025. The sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Service Roster

Week of March 9, 2025

Sunday Morning

Scripture Reading..... Luke FitzSimmons
Song Leader Kevin Sheeran

Opening Prayer..... Mark FitzSimmons
Closing Prayer..... Will Burleson

Lord's Supper & Offering

Bread..... Ken Dorries
Cup..... Doug Jobs
Offering..... Barry Lehtinen
Assist..... Mike Atkinson
Assist..... Lupe Escojido
Assist..... Bryant Siegel

Sunday Evening

Song Leader Jeff Cannady

Opening Prayer..... Lupe Escojido
Closing Prayer..... Rick Bass

Lord's Supper & Offering..... Ken Dorries/
Bill York

Wednesday Evening

Adult Class Cody McCoy
Song Leader Barry Lehtinen
Devotional Mark FitzSimmons

Other

Prepare Communion Ferman Rosales

Congregational News This Week

Birthdays

Willie Fossati..... Mar.10

Anniversaries

Jeff & Kelly Cannady..... Mar.12

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on the table in the foyer.

If you have any prayer requests, upcoming events to be announced, or updates/corrections please contact our secretary, Nina Siegel, at (361) 573-0030 or email office.midtownchurch@gmail.com

Our Elders

Mark FitzSimmons
Ron White

Our Deacons

James Cammock—Evangelism
Lupe Escojido— Benevolence
Doug Jobes—Safety, Men's Encouragement &
Winter Youth Retreat
Kevin Sheeran—Worship Organization and
Communication
Bryant Siegel—Education and Finance

Our Minister

Cody McCoy

Weekly Reading

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and
forever. Hebrews 13:8 NKJV

Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Class.....9:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship.....5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.

Attendance Records

Week of March 2, 2025

A.M. Bible Class.....68
A.M. Worship.....95
P.M. Worship.....59
Wednesday Worship.....55

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