

Small Group Questions for 02/09/2025

Meaning Of Life - [Ecclesiastes 1:1-11](#)

1. Why does living without a God-given purpose feel frustrating and meaningless?
 - Scripture: [Ecclesiastes 1:1-11](#)
 - What does this passage reveal about human pursuits "under the sun"? Why do our attempts to create our own meaning ultimately feel like "smoke"?
2. Why is it tempting to place our purpose in careers or accomplishments?
 - Scripture: [Ecclesiastes 2:11](#) (contextual extension from chapter 1)
 - How do careers or achievements fall short of providing lasting fulfillment? How does this frustration point us back to God?
3. How does knowing God through Jesus Christ give us meaning and purpose?
 - Scripture: [Philippians 3:7-11](#)
 - What does Paul say he gains by knowing Christ compared to all his previous accomplishments? How does this passage help clarify our true purpose?
4. How does God come to us even when we are clinging to worldly pursuits?
 - Scripture: [2 Corinthians 5:17](#)
 - What does it mean that "the old has gone and the new has come"? How does God's gift of a new identity through Christ redefine our purpose in life?
5. What is the difference between "inventing" purpose and "inheriting" it from God?
 - Scripture: [Ecclesiastes 1:9](#)
 - Why do our human efforts to invent new meaning ultimately fall short? How does receiving purpose from God through Christ free us from this frustration?
6. How does Jesus invite us into a relationship that gives meaning beyond the universe?
 - Scripture: [Philippians 3:10-11](#)
 - What does it mean to "know Christ and the power of His resurrection"? How does this relationship give us a purpose that transcends worldly pursuits?