

What is the purpose of life? Part 1

Catch the Wave

- Welcome
- Prayer
- Almost everyone has considered the big question: "Why am I here? Why was I put on earth?" In this episode, Greg introduces the topic by asking the cast what they would do with fifty million dollars.
- **ASK**
 - Q1 – **What would you do with fifty million dollars?**
- Watch Video – Episode 2
- **ASK**
 - Q1 – **Jon said "the biggest thing we can do in life is make enough of an impression so that when we're dead people will remember you." What's your reaction to that statement?**
 - Q2 – **The cast all shared something different. Do you believe the purpose of life is different for everybody?**
 - Q3 – **Do you think most teens struggle with finding purpose in their lives? Why or why not?**

Dive Deep

- In Eccl. 2 Solomon experimented to discover what would bring him fulfillment in life. He partied, drank, shopped, accomplished things, pursued many women and became rich and famous. But none of these brought complete satisfaction. They left him disillusioned and purposeless.
- Read Eccl. 2:11

- **ASK**
 - Q1 – **What does Solomon mean when he talks about chasing after the wind?**

Additional Questions

- Pursuing pleasure as his main purpose in life is what made everything meaningless.
- **ASK**
 - Q1 – **Solomon tried everything to find purpose in his life. What are some things people do today to find purpose?**
 - Q2 – **Solomon kept busy building houses, temples, a family and a kingdom. What activity do you have in your life that keeps you busy and what's your motivation for it? Is it God or something else?**
- The desire for stuff and activity is really a longing to fill the empty place in our life when we're not content.
- Read Phil. 4:10-13
- Like Paul, our satisfaction and purpose needs to come from God's point of view, not our own. Paul spent his time and energy on DOING and not HAVING. Reread vs. 13. Paul discovered the secret to a meaningful life is through Jesus Christ.
- **ASK**
 - Q1 – **Are you content with what you have or are you wanting more from life?**
 - Q2 – **What are some things you can do to fill your time and use your energy for God?**



Sail Home

- Solomon and Paul discovered their purpose in life was to glorify God. Look at 1 Cor. 10:31. Whatever we do, we're to glorify God.
- Read Matt. 22:37-13:34
 - We glorify God by pouring everything we have into loving God and loving others.
 - We also glorify God by telling others about Jesus. See Matt. 28:19.
- Jesus' purpose for life was to die on the cross so we can spend eternity in heaven.
 - My hope is you will gain a sense there is someone bigger than you who will give you a purpose.
 - Don't miss out on the greatest purpose in life, a relationship with Jesus.

Aloha

- Close in prayer, presenting the GOSPEL and inviting students to embrace their purpose in life by trusting Christ as their Savior or recommitting their lives to Him.

Notes

- Encourage students to invite friends to next week's episode.
- *Shreddin the Gnar*: The Great Commandments and the Great Commission provide Christians with a guiding purpose for their lives. Read chapters 3 and 4 of *Shreddin* for insights on how to live out that purpose by initiating spiritual conversations with others.

Notes