



WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?

Small Group Session 1 - You Matter to God

Small Group Guidelines

- 1. Focus your sharing on your own thoughts and feelings. Limit your sharing to 3-5 minutes.**

In Purpose Driven Life, each one of us will be taking a close look at our current relationship with God and how we are living out the 5 Biblical purposes that He created us for. Avoid using this time to talk about our family members', co-workers' or others' problems. Use "I" "me" and "my" statements and avoid "you" or "we". The time limit gives everyone an opportunity to share and helps prevent any one person from dominating the group.

- 2. There is NO cross talk. Each person is free to express his/her thoughts and feelings without interruption.**

Cross talk is when two or more people engage in a conversation that excludes or interrupts others. It includes making distracting comments or asking questions, speaking to someone else while another is sharing or responding to what someone has said during his/her time of sharing. We try not to interrupt thoughts or feelings.

- 3. We are here to support one another, not "fix" one another.**

Our small group gatherings are not therapy sessions and we do not give advice or attempt to solve someone else's problem. We are here to share about what we feel God is telling us through the book and message series and to listen to each other.

- 4. What is shared in the group stays in the group.**

We do not share information from the group with friends, family members or others outside of the group. This is called *gossip*. We respect others' right to share their information as THEY see fit. The only exception is if anyone threatens harm to themselves or someone else.

- 5. Offensive language has no place in a Christ-centered group.**

Watch video segment

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) What new insight did you gain from the video segment? What idea really grabbed hold of you?
- 2) "God created me to love me." When did you first hear about God's love?
- 3) "I was made to last forever." How does that statement strike you? Are you encouraged, puzzled, disappointed, surprised?
- 4) What difference would it make if you acted like life is all about God and not about yourself?
- 5) What has happened in your life - the good, the bad, the ugly - that God has been able to use or may be able to use for His glory and in His service?

Fill out the Purpose Driven Life Health Assessment:

When done, pair up with a partner and share one purpose that is going well and one that needs a little work.

For Next Week:

Read days 1-7 of The Purpose Driven Life - mark any passages that jump out at you.

SPIRITUAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT

Worship: You Were Planned for God's Pleasure

	Doesn't describe me	2	Partially describe me	3	4	Generally describe me	5
How I live my life shows that God is my highest priority.....	1		2		3		4 5
I am dependent on God for every aspect of my life.....	1		2		3		4 5
There is nothing in my life that I have not surrendered to (kept back from) God.....	1		2		3		4 5
I regularly meditate on God's Word and invite Him into my everyday activities.....	1		2		3		4 5
I have a deep desire to spend time in God's presence.....	1		2		3		4 5
I am the same person in public that I am in private.....	1		2		3		4 5
I have an overwhelming sense of God's awesomeness even when I do not feel His presence.....	1		2		3		4 5

Worship Total: _____

Fellowship: You Were Formed for God's Family

I am genuinely open and honest about who I am.....	1		2		3		4 5
I regularly use my time and resources to care for the needs of others.....	1		2		3		4 5
I have a deep and meaningful connection with others in the church.....	1		2		3		4 5
I have an easy time receiving advice, encouragement, and correction from others.....	1		2		3		4 5
I gather regularly with a group of Christians for fellowship and accountability.....	1		2		3		4 5
There is nothing in my relationships that is currently unresolved.....	1		2		3		4 5
There is nothing in the way I talk or act concerning others that I would not be willing to share with them in person.....	1		2		3		4 5

Fellowship Total: _____

Discipleship: You Were Created to Become Like Christ

I am quick to confess anything in my character that does not look like Christ.....	1		2		3		4 5
A review of how I use my finances shows that I think more about God and others than I do about myself.....	1		2		3		4 5
I allow God's Word to guide my thoughts and change my actions.....	1		2		3		4 5
I am able to praise God during difficult times and see them as opportunities to grow.....	1		2		3		4 5
I find I am making better choices to do what is right when I am tempted to do wrong.....	1		2		3		4 5
I have found that prayer has changed how I view and interact with the world.....	1		2		3		4 5
I am consistent in pursuing habits that are helping me model my life after Jesus.....	1		2		3		4 5

Discipleship Total: _____

Ministry: You Were Shaped for Serving God

I regularly use my time to serve God.....	1		2		3		4 5
I am currently serving God with the gifts and passions he has given me.....	1		2		3		4 5
I regularly reflect on how my life can have an impact for the Kingdom of God.....	1		2		3		4 5
I often think about ways to use my God-given gifts and abilities to please God.....	1		2		3		4 5
I enjoy meeting the needs of others without expecting anything in return.....	1		2		3		4 5
Those closest to me would say my life is a reflection of giving more than receiving.....	1		2		3		4 5
I see my painful experiences as opportunities to minister to others.....	1		2		3		4 5

Ministry Total: _____

Evangelism: You Were Made for a Mission

I feel personal responsibility to share my faith with those who don't know Jesus.....	1		2		3		4 5
I look for opportunities to build relationships with those who don't know Jesus.....	1		2		3		4 5
I regularly pray for those who don't know Christ.....	1		2		3		4 5
I am confident in my ability to share my faith.....	1		2		3		4 5
My heart is full of passion to share the gospel with those who have never heard it.....	1		2		3		4 5
I find that my relationship with Jesus comes up frequently in my conversations with non-believers....	1		2		3		4 5
I am open to going anywhere God calls me, in whatever capacity, to share my faith.....	1		2		3		4 5

Evangelism Total: _____

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