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#1 Living Out the Calling of My Life
Small Group Notes

You matter to God! His word to us says: "I am your Creator. You were in my care even before you were born." (Isaiah 44:2a (CEV) Our theme verse this week sets the tone for our study.

Life's 3 Biggest Questions:

1. Why am I alive?

Jeremiah 20:18 (TEV) says "Why was I born? Was it only to have trouble and sorrow, to end my life in disgrace?" "The Lord has made everything for his own purpose." Proverbs 16:4a (GW) You were made by God and for His purposes and life won't make sense until you understand that.

- God created me to _____.

2. Does my life matter?

The prophet Isaiah said "My work all seems so useless! I have spent my strength for nothing and to no purpose at all." (Isaiah 49:4 NLT).

Compare this to our key verse in Isaiah 44:2a.

You are not an accident. God wanted you in this world. *Check out* Ps. 139:16 and Psalm 33:11 to see His perspective.

Life is preparation for eternity. 2 Corinthians 5:1 (TEV) says "When this tent we live in—our body here on earth—is torn down, God will have a house in heaven for us to live in, a home he himself has made, which will last forever."

- I was made to _____.

3. What is my purpose?

"Why did you create us? For nothing?" Psalm 89:47b (NCV). The only way to know your purpose is to ask your Creator. "Knowing God results in every other kind of understanding." Proverbs 9:10b (TLB).

"For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible ...everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him." Col. 1:16(MSG)

- I find my purpose _____.

Let's ask ourselves:

1. *"God created me to love me."* When did you first hear about God's love?
2. *"I was made to last forever."* How does that statement strike you? Are you encouraged, puzzled, disappointed, surprised?
3. *"I find my purpose in God."* As you embark on this journey of discovery, how ready are you to explore the truth about God's purposes for your life?
4. *"Life is not about you; it's all about God."* What difference could it make if I acted like life is all about God and not about myself?

For this week:

- ~Read chapters 1-7 in "What On Earth Am I Here For" before your next small group meeting.
- ~Share with the world what you are learning by placing a favourite quote from the book or Scripture verse on your Facebook page, or by tweeting with the hashtag #PDL.
- ~Read the theme verse every day this week as part of your daily devotional time.

Be blessed!

