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LifeNotes

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God, Why Am I Here?

Discovering God's Purpose For Your Life

Getting Started...

Have you ever heard the term "breath prayer"? It's a term referring to those short, one sentence prayers intended to keep you connected to God throughout the day. "God, you are holy." "You are my God." "Thank you, Jesus." Go around the room and everybody pray a breath prayer.

Getting to Know One Another...

What is one book or movie that everyone loves that you can't stand?

What is one thing that stood out to you from Sunday's sermon, and why?

Mark said that we find our purpose when we align ourselves with God's overall plan. Do you agree or disagree that your purpose can change from season to season? Details, please.

God made you so He could love you. Have you found this to be true? List 3 ways you have experienced God's love.

More....

Read Ecclesiastes 2:1-10

What things drove Solomon?

Do you think this list reflects most people's desires? Explain.

What has been a driving force in your life?

Read Ecclesiastes 2:11 What is Solomon's conclusion about all his efforts?

Have you ever felt like that? Explain.

Read 1 Kings 17:1-7

The scripture makes it very clear that we are to give up self-reliance in exchange for God's promise of provision. (*The brook where God told Elijah to hide was named Kerith, which means separation or cutting: a literal and figurative picture of what happens to our old life and ways when God leads us to something new.*) What has happened in your life that led you to break with the old ways and go hide in your own Kerith?

Mark said that God prepares us, He refines us, and then He challenges us. He did this with Elijah. He does it with each of us. How difficult do you find it to obey God when you don't see the outcome?

How important is it that believers back up their words with their actions? Why or why not?

In what peculiar but sufficient ways is God meeting your needs today?

Taking It Home...

Practice breath prayers each day this week.

What step of faith to you need to take today?

Daily Readings

Day 1		1 Corinthians 10:31
Day 2		Colossians 1:16
Day 3		Ephesians 1:11-12
Day 4		1 Kings 17:1-24
Day 5		Philippians 2:13
Day 6		Romans 8:28
Day 7		Psalms 16:11