

# Let's Discuss...Purpose

## PART 1\_What is Our Purpose?



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### Scriptures mentioned:

*The path of the righteous is  
like the morning sun,  
shining ever brighter till the full  
light of day.  
But the way of the wicked is  
like deep darkness;  
they do not know what makes  
them stumble.*  
Proverbs 4:18-19 NIV

## Summary

In this first discussion, we talk about our initial thoughts when we hear the word “purpose”, how our purpose is something that we live in everyday – not just one day in the future when we achieve certain goals, and the idea that our purpose may not be as related to what we are doing so much as to who we are being/becoming.

## Let's Discuss...

- Just for fun...What did you want to be when you were growing up?
- What are your initial thoughts on what it means to fulfill our purpose as human beings? Why do you think so many of us tend to correlate our purpose with what we “do” for a living?
- As humans, what is the difference between doing and being? Which one do you spend more time, energy, and mental capacity focusing on? Which one are you more intentional about?
- Read Proverbs 4:18-19 again (above). When you look back on your journey with God, do you find that you have more clarity and illumination now than you did in days gone by? Either in seasons of your own life or in the lives of others around you, does verse 19 ring true?
  - ➔ Notice how it says that those who don't follow God “do not know what makes them stumble”. This seems to leave room for the fact that as believers, we may still stumble, but the Holy Spirit can illuminate what that stumbling block was so we can avoid it in the future.
- The Westminster Shorter Catechism says that “man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.”
  - a. Does this align with what we see in Scripture? Here are a couple of verses to consider...do any others come to mind?

*The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments,  
for this is the whole duty of man.*  
Ecclesiastes 12:13 ESV

*So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*  
1 Corinthians 10:31 ESV

- b. How does one “enjoy God”? Can we both fear Him and enjoy Him at the same time? Do you enjoy Him?
- c. If you truly believed that your purpose was to glorify and enjoy God, how would this affect the way you live your daily life? How would this affect your long-term goals?

## Let's Pray...

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- Take a moment to meditate on these verses. Invite the Holy Spirit to bring these words to life in our journeys...that as we continue to seek and live for Him and His purposes, the path will shine ever brighter (and that even if we do stumble, that He will help us get back up and give us eyes to see the stumbling block so that we can step more securely in the future).