



WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?

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PART 5: YOU'RE CALLED TO BELONG

Purpose 1: You Were Planned for God's Pleasure

Purpose 2: You Were Formed for God's Family

Purpose 3: You Were Created to Be Like Christ

Purpose 4: You Were Shaped to Serve God

You are uniquely **SHAPED** to serve Jesus.

Spiritual Gifts

Hearth

Abilities

Personality

Experiences

Your Fourth Purpose is to Serve God by Serving Others

1. Serving Like Jesus Means Being **AVAILABLE**.

2. Serving Like Jesus Means Being **GRATEFUL**.

3. Serving Like Jesus Means Being **FAITHFUL**.

4. Serving Like Jesus Means Being **GENEROUS**.

1:10 HOMEWORK

Open Your Group in Prayer

"God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings." 1 Peter 4:10 (LB)

1. God has given you gifts and abilities, unique to only you, so that you can serve others and glorify him. What is one way you would like to utilize who God has created you to be to help others this week? Who do you think will receive greater joy, the one you helped or you?

"Your attitude must be like my own, for I did not come to be served but to serve." Matthew 20:28 (LB)

2. Think of the most difficult person you regularly encounter in your life. What do you think would happen in your relationship with them if you were to intentionally serve them in some way? How do you think that would effect your relationship with them? How would your unselfish actions make you feel about that person and about yourself?

"Always give yourself fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your work in the Lord is never wasted." 1 Cor. 15:58 (NCV)

3. Have each member of the group share what differences they notice in their lives when they offer up their work to God. How can your effectiveness in ministry change by knowing you were created to do good works?

"If you want to be great, you must be the servant of all." Matt.20:26 (CEV)

4. As a group, write down ways to model Christ's servant attitude. Complete the list by including actions you, as individuals, can take to bless someone during the week. Email or circulate this list to all group members as an encouragement to practice loving and serving others.

5. Think of ways your small group might serve others. Or how can your family reach out to someone or another family to be a blessing in a way only your family can. Or what about you individually? Ask "God, what unique role do you have for me in my church or community?"

6. What changes do you need to make in your life in order to be a good servant for the Lord?