

# BOOKENDS

Sunday, May 15, 2022 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

## Part 4 | **From Life to Death to Life** Genesis 3:1-24; Revelation 22:1-5

God **CREATES**

God created *everything* and gives meaning to *everything* Genesis 1:1; Psalm 33:9

*you are created* Genesis 1:2; 1:26-27

and Satan **COUNTERFEITS**

*working in reverse* Genesis 3

*identity: achieved or received?*

—but not **FOREVER.**

Jesus wins, Satan's crushed Genesis 3:15; Romans 16:19

beginning — middle — beginning Genesis 1-2 — Genesis 3 — Revelation 21-22



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**What is this?** – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card at the Connect Desk.

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group. If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this as a guide for further study and growth personally.

## Getting Started

Part of our time together is learning more about one another and sharing life. Toward that end...

*Ever discovered you own a counterfeit (fake) version of something? Or did you ever buy a counterfeit on purpose? Share your story.*

## Review...

We're in a series called Bookends, looking at the beginning and the end of Scripture, and how they parallel one another. **Review your message notes.** What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it as a group.

## Digging Deeper

1. **Read Genesis 1:26-27.** What does it mean that we were created in the image of God?
2. Having been created in God's image and adopted into the family of God gives followers of Jesus great intrinsic value and worth. How do the following passages help you understand the value and worth that God has given every one of his children?

**Psalm 8:1-9**

**Ephesians 2:10**

**1 Corinthians 6:18-20**

**Luke 12:6-7**

3. Based on what you heard in the sermon and your answers to this question, what are some things you might share with someone who doubts their value and worth to God?
4. The loss of identity in the Fall has sent all humans on a quest to find fulfillment and satisfaction. The book of Ecclesiastes records King

Solomon's wide-ranging attempts to find these. As you read the following passages from Ecclesiastes, jot down the things Solomon did to try to satisfy his longing for identity and the insights he arrived at from those pursuits.

**Ecclesiastes 2:1-11; 4:4-8; 5:10-16**

5. How would you summarize Solomon's observations and conclusions in one sentence?
6. Pastor Rick Warren wrote the bestselling book, The Purpose Driven Life. In it he says, "The purpose of your life is far greater than your own personal fulfillment, your happiness...your family or your career. If you want to know why you were placed on this planet, you must begin with God. You were born by his purpose and for his purpose." What do the following passages have to say about what our purpose is in life?

**Mark 12:28-31**

**1 Corinthians 10:31**

**Matthew 28:19-20**

**Colossians 3:17**

7. Glorifying God shows up in a couple of these passages. A simple definition of what it means to glorify God is to make him look good. Can you think of two or three things that would be true of someone who was living a life that glorified God?

## Closing

Looking back on this week's teaching and homework, what's most important for you to remember?

*As you close, share your applications and pray for each other.*

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## Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

### Word Find for Revelation 22:1-5 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

**1** Then the **angel showed** me the **river** of the **water of life**, **bright as crystal**, **flowing** from the **throne** of God and of the **Lamb** **2** through the **middle** of the **street** of the **city**; **also**, on **either side** of the **river**, the **tree of life** with its **twelve kinds of fruit**, **yielding** its **fruit each month**. The **leaves** of the **tree** were for the **healing** of the **nations**. **3** No **longer** will **there** be **anything accursed**, but the **throne** of God and of the **Lamb** will be in it, and his **servants** will **worship** him. **4** They will see his **face**, and his **name** will be on their foreheads. **5** And night will be no more. They will need no **light** of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their **light**, and they will reign forever and ever.