

# What is the meaning of life?

You Asked for It | Week 2

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**You were created by God and for God.**

**Your purpose is to glorify God by loving Him and loving others.**

## The Question Everyone Asks

When people ask, "*What is the meaning of life?*" they are often really asking:

**"What is the meaning of my life?"**

**"Why am I here?"**

Many people answer with:

- Happiness
- Success
- Relationships
- Family
- Achievement
- Helping others

While these can be good things, they are not the ultimate purpose of life.

## What Does the Bible Say?

### God Is the Main Character

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1

The Bible begins by reminding us that:

- The world does not revolve around us.
- We are not the hero of the story.
- God is the center of all creation.

## We Were Created for God's Glory

"I have made them for my glory." **Isaiah 43:7**

"For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory." **Romans 11:36**

"Everything was created through him and for him." **Colossians 1:16**

### Truth to Remember

**You were created for God—not the other way around.**

Because God created us, He determines our purpose. Our purpose is to bring Him glory.

## The Westminster Shorter Catechism (1647)

**What is the chief end of man?**

**"Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever."**

# How Do We Glorify God?

## 1. Love God

### The Greatest Commandment

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

— Matthew 22:37

Loving God begins with **knowing God**.

### How Do We Know God?

- Through His Word
- Through a growing relationship with Him
- Through obedience and trust

### What We Learn About God

#### He Knows Me Intimately

Psalms 139 teaches that God knows everything about us, even before we are born.

#### He Cares for Me Deeply

"You have collected all my tears in your bottle." Psalm 56:8

#### He Loves Me Infinitely

"How wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is." Ephesians 3:18-19

"There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13

### Application

The more we know God, the more we love Him.

## 2. Love Others

### The Second Greatest Commandment

"Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:39

Because God loves people, those who love God will also love others.

### What Love Looks Like

- Showing compassion
- Serving others
- Being tenderhearted
- Choosing humility
- Blessing instead of retaliating
- Forgiving as Christ forgave us

### Why We...

- Serve
- Give
- Connect
- Invite

**We show our love for God by loving other people.**

### The Meaning of Life

**To glorify God by loving Him with all that you are and loving others as He has loved you.**

### Response

- Do I know God personally?
- Am I growing in my love for Him?
- How am I actively loving others?
- Is my life bringing glory to God?

