

1 -PURPOSE:

Why Am I Here?

THINKING DEEPER

What is the difference between a life purpose and one without?

Share their thoughts

LOOKING DEEPER

1. How important is it knowing *who* you are and *whose* you are? **Knowing these things help understand identity and importance. Help students see their identity through the lens of the Bible. God created everyone to see how special they are and how important it is for us to be in a relationship with Him.**
2. Why do people have a deep desire for a purpose in life? Do you think it really matters? **Of course it matters. People want to know that their life has meaning. Statistics show that students who do not live life with purpose are more likely to become use drugs and alcohol, drop out of school, become sexual promiscuous, or commit suicide. God gives everyone a purpose and wants it to be found in Him. He will give us direction and vision when we seek Him first.**
3. Have you ever felt like you were a “random person?” How does that differ from how God feels about you? Discuss with the group what it means to *you* that you “matter to God.” **Loneliness brings feelings of randomness. When we do not understand that God has a deep love and concern for us, it is easy feel like we don’t have a purpose. Yet, we matter so much to God that He sent His Son to die for us. Knowing and accepting that is a game-changer!**
4. What does it take to experience God as a person rather than a concept? **Thoughts might be: Willingness to surrender to the Lordship of Jesus, daily prayer, Bible reading, intentional living for God, etc. Emphasize that God is actively involved in directing our purpose and it is easier to see if we are let the Holy Spirit speak to us through the above mentioned ways.**

GOING DEEPER

Get a notebook and make a list of things you are good at (i.e.; art, sports, reading). Write down the way you feel when you do them. What might God be telling you about His purpose for your life through them?

Spend time in Psalm 139 each day. Write down 3 things that tell you how much you matter to God as you read the passage. What surprised you the most? Tell God what you are learning!

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