

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS
Everybody Needs
“Need for Purpose”
Ecclesiastes 12:13
Week of March 26, 2017

CENTRAL TRUTH: Life has purpose only when I live for the eternal things of God.

GETTING STARTED

1. On a scale of 1 to 10 (lowest to highest), rate how purposeful you feel your life is. Explain your answer.

TAKING IT HOME

2. Do you agree or disagree with King Solomon’s teaching in Ecclesiastes that, if you live only for this world, then life is meaningless because, in the end, death cancels out everything?
3. Are you thirsty (John 7:37-38)? Is there an emptiness that won’t go away no matter how much you try to fill it? Describe what you are feeling.
4. Read the quote from Sunday’s sermon, then answer the questions below:

Nothing in the world can fill the emptiness [in our souls] because the emptiness is shaped like God. Until God moves into that empty spot in our lives, it will remain empty.

- a. Have you experienced this to be true?
 - b. What does it mean for God to fill your emptiness? Have you experienced this? If so, how?
5. Is it possible to confuse pleasure, novelty, or the thrill of the chase for lasting fulfillment? If so, then how? What other things might people confuse for lasting fulfillment?
 6. What would it look like if you connected the temporary things of your life—education, career, finances, relationships, family life, talents, life experiences—to God’s eternal purposes? Choose 2-3 from the list and share.