

“The Mystery of God’s Purpose”
Series: Making Sense of Life’s Mysteries

Sermon Outline Notes

WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?

“God has let us know the mystery of his purpose, according to his good pleasure which he determined beforehand in Christ...”
Ephesians 1:9 (NJB)

1. LIFE ON EARTH IS A TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT

“For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to our everlasting home in heaven.”
Hebrews 13:14 (LB)

2. LIFE ON EARTH IS A TEST

“If you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?”
Luke 16:11 (NLT)

3. LIFE ON EARTH IS PREPARATION FOR ETERNITY

“...God is using your sufferings to make you ready for his Kingdom.”
2 Thessalonians 1:5 (LB)

WHAT ON EARTH SHOULD I BE DOING?

1. GOD WANTS ME TO LOVE HIM

“... Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.”
Matthew 22:37-38 (NIV)

2. GOD WANTS ME TO LEARN TO LOVE OTHERS

“... God... has given us the privilege of being born again so that we are now members of God's own family.”
1 Peter 1:3 (LB)

3. GOD WANTS ME TO BECOME LIKE HIM

“In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 2:5 (NCV)

“As the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him.”
2 Corinthians 3:18b (TLB)

4. GOD WANTS ME TO SERVE HIM

“God made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which he planned in advance for us to live our lives doing.”
Ephesians 2:10 (NCV)

5. GOD WANTS ME TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT HIM

Jesus: “In the same way that you gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world.”
John 17:18 (MSG)

“Through Christ, God has made peace between us and himself, and he gave us the work of telling everyone about the peace we can have with him...So we have been sent to speak for Christ...”
2 Corinthians 5:18,20 (NCV)