



Discussion Guide for “Purpose”

From A to Z Week 1

Life is miraculous and - from the perspective of the universe - much rarer than we realized. How does the miracle of life invite us to know God as our creator. What can we discern about our purpose from the fact that we're alive?

Scriptures for Further Reading

Genesis 2:4b-9; John 1:1, 9-14; Revelation 21:3-7, 22:1-5

click here to [read all scriptures](#)

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is [Psalm 8](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. How often (if ever) do you contemplate the vastness of the universe? How do you feel in those times?
2. In Genesis 2, God invites humans to be gardeners. What would this mean to an agrarian culture like ancient Israel? How should we hear it today?
3. John tells us that Jesus took on flesh. How does his mission in John 1 connect to God's purpose for us in Genesis 2?
4. Review the images in Revelation 21-22. How do they connect back to Genesis 2? How are they different from rewinding the clock?
5. What does it look like for you to live with God's purpose this week?