

## Life's Greatest Purpose | Week 1

### Introduction

In life, the goal isn't just to learn about God, but to grow in a real, personal friendship with the Creator of the universe. This weekend, we learned that this relationship is the very purpose of life.

### Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- If you could spend a day "shadowing" any person in history to see what their life was really like, who would it be and why?
- What is one way you have intentionally made space to talk with or listen to God this past week?

### Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What caught your attention, stood out to you, or challenged you from this weekend's teaching?

### [Watch the Video](#) (5 minutes)

- Prepare to watch the video by opening your Bible to [John 17:3](#).
- [Link to the book \*Knowing God\*](#) by J.I. Packer
- [Knowing God Study Guide](#) - This may be a helpful tool if your group chooses to study this book together

### Group Discussion (45 minutes)

#### *Starter Question from the Video:*

1. Have you ever thought about eternal life being about a relationship with God?

#### *Scripture Observation:*

2. Read [Jeremiah 9:23-24](#). What are the specific things this passage tells us not to boast about, and what should be our primary focus instead?

#### *Scripture Interpretation/Discussion:*

3. In our culture today, what is the difference between knowing about God and actually knowing Him? Share some specific examples.
4. In the video we just watched, Chad said that knowing God is the reason we are "breathing in and out right now." How does this connect with the Scriptures we have read today (John 17:3 and Jeremiah 9:23-34)? Why is it important to emphasize this in this conversation?

## *Personal Application:*

5. If knowing God is our primary purpose in life, what is one practical change you can make in your daily schedule this week to prioritize time with Him? In your own words, what would having a relationship with Him look like?
6. Looking at your current relationship with God, is there a specific "truth to believe" or an "attitude to change" that stood out to you from this week's message?

## Prayer (5 minutes)

Close your group time in prayer. You can use these words or your own:

*God, thank You for the gift of knowing You. Help us move beyond just information about you and into a deep, authentic friendship with You this week. Guide our steps as we seek to follow Jesus more closely in everything we do. Amen.*

## For Further Exploration (Optional)

Check out the book [Knowing God by J.I. Packer](#) and the accompanying [study guide](#) for personal or group study.

## Practices to Help You Grow This Week

- Set aside time each day to just be with God.
- Identify ways you particularly enjoy connecting with Him: (in nature, through music, study of His Word, etc.)

## Announcements

- Have you said Yes to Jesus? Your next step is to get baptized! Baptisms are February 21/22. Find more information and register at [baptism.sv.cc](#).
- Upcoming Opportunity to Make an Eternal Impact on the Next Generation: Summer Camps! Here's how to join us:

### **All Camp Volunteer Interest Meeting**

**When:** Sun., Feb 22nd from 2-3pm

**Location:** Sun Valley Gilbert campus

**Who should attend:** If you have never served within summer camp before, but have a heart to help our youth meet, know, & follow Jesus. There are opportunities to serve AT camp(s) or help with camps in a behind the scenes capacity. Come get more info on how your gifts or talents can be utilized for summer camp. Find camp dates and opportunities at [camp.sv.cc](#).

**Do I register for the Volunteer Interest Meeting?** Nope! Just show up. We can't wait to share this opportunity with you!

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