

You Belong Here: Season 2
Wk 4/4: You Belong in God's Bigger Purpose
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LEADER PREP

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To motivate students to find their main purpose for life in God's love.

SCRIPTURE

[Ephesians 2:8-10](#)

THINK ABOUT THIS

"One of the most important life questions your teen[s] will begin asking and wrestling with is, "Why am I here?" or "What's my purpose on this Earth?" Without a purpose, life becomes motion without meaning; trivial, petty, pointless, and founded upon whatever the culture offers up as the latest "must have" material thing or "must do" activity... Nothing matters more than your teen[s] knowing God's purpose for their life, and nothing can compensate for not knowing it. Knowing their purpose gives meaning to their life and each step along the way. It motivates them to prepare for their purpose, to save themselves for that purpose, and to avoid anything that might get in the way. Knowing their purpose simplifies their life and removes confusion." – Mark Gregston
For more, read his article:

[How to Help Your Teens Find Purpose in Life](#)

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

MAIN POINT

You belong in God's bigger purpose.

GET THEM TALKING

What do you think would be fun about being an astronaut on the moon?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

READ Ephesians 2:8-10 and answer the following questions:

1. How do you feel knowing that you are God's masterpiece?
2. What do you think it means that we can be both a masterpiece and a work in progress?
3. Brainstorm as a group: What are 5 or more different ways we can receive God's love?
4. Brainstorm as a group: What are 5 or more different ways we can reflect God's love to others?
5. What things hold you back from receiving God's love for you everyday?
6. What things hold you back from reflecting God's love to the world everyday?
7. How can we overcome those things – becoming works of progress that look more and more like Jesus?

NEXT STEP

Have your students pick a way to reflect God's love to others to do this week.

PRAYER GUIDE

Ask your students to share their prayer requests and have them close in prayer.

SCRIPTURE

MS students are concrete thinkers, so opening your Bible to read the Scripture with them is a preferred visual cue.

EPHESIANS 2:8-10 (NLT)

⁸God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ¹⁰For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."