WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?



Small group notes - Week 1

Welcome

Welcome everyone. Introduce yourselves.

Worship

It's always good to start in worship. If you're in one of the HOST groups meeting on a Tuesday/Wednesday evening we'll sort this for you. If you're meeting at a different time, why don't you ask someone who can play a guitar or another instrument, if they will lead your group in some live worship or choose a couple songs to help lead people into God's presence. Otherwise we have compiled a couple of playlists with a range of songs for you to use during worship and ministry.

Riverside Vineyard Youtube Playlist

Vineyard Worship Spotify Playlist



Video - Part 1



Discussion Questions (10 - 15 minutes)

Q1 - What is the driving force of your life?

- what would your friends & family say?
- what does your diary & bank statement say?

Q2: What do you want to be remembered for?

- Try to answer in one sentence or a few words!
- If you're not sure, you just don't know, that's fine! This series will help you! Just be honest!



Video - Part 2



Discussion Questions (10 minutes)

Start by thinking about money

- How should it's temporal nature shape how we view money?
- How can our money have an eternal impact?

Encourage people to share as personally as they feel able to....

(You may find that people will only share as vulnerably as the one facilitating the conversation. It may be

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helpful for you to share first and set the tone for others)

If you have time, take another area e.g. work (paid or unpaid), OR care for the environment, OR raising kids Ask the same questions - what might a Kingdom mindset look like in these areas, holding together the temporal & eternal?

Life Mission Statement

A Life Mission Statement is a short paragraph, few sentences, or a poem or picture, that brings together what you prayerfully sense the Lord has put you on earth for.

Each week for the first 5 weeks, we're going to send people away with a question. We'd encourage everyone to take just 10-15 minutes a week to do this. The template for each week's question can be found along with the materials at www.riversidevineyard.com/whatonearth/materials

Do really encourage people to do this as it will help them to go deeper into their God-given purpose here on earth.

This is the question for this week: 'What prophetic words has the Lord spoken to you, that speak to your God-given purpose?

Prayer ministry (see also note below fro leaders / hosts)

As we end this session, take some time in your groups to invite the Holy Spirit, praying for each other for a fresh in-filling of His presence, knowing that His power is in His presence

Next week

Encourage your group to be part of a Sunday service for the next talk and to come back next week.

Note for small group leaders / hosts:

Prayer ministry time is for prayer ministry not intercession, but what's the difference?

Maybe someone shares that they have a difficult meeting at work tomorrow. Intercession is praying for the meeting, and that's OK. But in our small groups, we want to do ministry. We believe that God's Kingdom is near and can break in at any time, including <u>now</u>. So what does the person need? Wisdom, peace, courage? Ask the Holy Spirit to release these to the person <u>now</u> wherever they are!