WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?



Small group notes - Week 2 - How can I please God?

Welcome

Welcome everyone.

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 in your everyday life do you think makes God smile? (i.e. brings pleasure to Him?)
- Q2 Whilst worship is more than a song, we love to sing! But we've been in a season when we can't sing together. What is helping you to worship in this season? What are you discovering about the heart of worship?



Video - Part 2



Discussion Questions (10-15 minutes)

- 1) Sharing honestly, do you think of my time as mine, or God's? Do you think of money as your own, or God's? How is God inviting us to greater / deeper surrender?
- 2) On a "normal" day, how often do you think about & talk to God? What can you practically do to remind ourselves to do so more often? What's your next step to deepening your friendship with Jesus?

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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 do you enjoy? What makes God smile?! Think about times when you've felt God's pleasure - what were you doing at those times?

Encourage people to take ~10-15 minutes this week

Do send round the week 2 template, available at riversidevineyard.com/whatonearth/materials

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

Andy will pray the following prayer over everyone. Encourage people to pray this with Andy.

"To my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ I say -

However, whenever, wherever and whatever you ask me to do, my answer in advance is YES!!"

Spend some time waiting in his presence.

Allow Holy Spirit to minister

- Maybe briefly share what the Lord is saying to you
- maybe areas you know you need to surrender more fully

Next week

Encourage your group to be part of a Sunday service for the next talk and to come back next week. If people are reading the book, it's chapters 8-14 this week.

Note for small group leaders / hosts:

In 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!