



MESSAGE BIG IDEA

We were created to live in a relationship with God. Life is meaningless without God, but God gives everything meaning.

SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 & Matthew 6:25-34

ICE BREAKER AND OPENING THOUGHT

The purpose of these questions is to start conversation. Don't worry about everyone sharing something life-changing, just get everyone comfortable talking and sharing with each other.

LIFE APPLICATION

Remember, the hope of this series is to start conversations, not provide answers. This should be a safe place where people can express their doubts and concerns without worrying that someone is going to try to argue them into believing something. Let everyone be honest with where they are, and trust God will do the rest.

Some of the ways people might have sought significance could be wisdom/knowledge, accomplishments, pleasure, wealth, fame, relationships, etc... Allow people in your group to share openly and with vulnerability the ways they've tried to find purpose. It would be good to be prepared to go first by sharing vulnerably and modeling the openness you're hoping your group will emulate.

The Jim Carey quote will hopefully generate some discussion on if that feels true. Many people desire the notoriety of fame, or if they say they don't, push them to consider what that could look like in their field or own personal sphere.

The last questions are designed to look beyond the immediate toward the implications of these thoughts. What is our life's purpose and where does God fit into that? Don't be surprised if you get a variety of answers.

CHALLENGE

Spend some time this week thinking through what your life is oriented around. Can you pinpoint a set of values or beliefs that underpins your decisions? Are you happy with those values and beliefs or is it time for re-evaluation and a potential change? Whether you're already a Christ-follower or simply searching for answers, consider praying Blaise Pascal's famous prayer every day this week: "God if you are real, make yourself real to me."