



SIMPLIFY Part 1 - Purpose

CONTENT:

If you could have been anything (doctor, lawyer, fireman etc), what would it be and why?

Read Romans 11:36

When you read in Genesis 1 that “in the beginning God created the heavens and earth”, do you automatically think that Jesus is the one who created in Genesis 1? Why or why not?

LEADERS NOTE: The idea here is to get the members of the group thinking about the eternity of Jesus

What is the difference between all things being “from Him” and “thru Him? What is significant about this?

LEADERS NOTE: God intended for us to understand that before the universe existed, Jesus held all the authority and power to create a universe. Thru Him means that He spoke all things

into existence and created the universe from nothing. This debunks the idea that the universe is eternal. Evolutionists hold to the idea that the matter necessary to create the “big bang” was eternal.

Read Colossians 1:16-17

What does it mean that He created all things visible and invisible?

LEADERS NOTE: Verse 16 gives us the answer by saying things in “heaven” as well as on earth. Paul goes on to say “thrones, dominions, rulers and authorities”.

How does knowing that He created all rulers and authorities shape the way you feel about the current world condition? Explain

LEADERS NOTE: The idea is to get members to understand that Jesus is fully in control in a world that appears to be out of control

What does it mean that He holds all things together?

LEADERS NOTE: Draw out from this not only that Jesus holds the universe in perfect order, but He also holds all world events and more importantly all events in our lives together. This means that anything we will ever go thru is not just allowed by God, but rather ordained by Him.

Romans 11:36 says that to Him be the glory forever. How would you explain the glory of God to someone? What is the glory of God

LEADERS NOTE: The glory of God can be defined as the attributes of God. His attributes are love, mercy, justice, forgiveness etc.

How do we add more glory to God or detract glory from God?

LEADERS NOTE: This is a question to see who was paying attention to Pastor Omar’s sermon. We don’t add or subtract glory from God. He is infinitely glorious. We simply reflect His glory when we reflect His attributes.

If you were to try and explain to a someone how to find their purpose in life, what would you say?

LEADERS NOTE: The goal of this question is to get everyone to understand that we find our purpose in Christ.

Read 1 Corinthians 10:31

What does it mean that “whatever we do to glorify God”?

LEADERS NOTE: . Our purpose is to glorify God wherever we find ourselves in life. Whether a student, house wife, business owner, etc., our ultimate purpose is to glorify God.

How do we practically glorify God? What does it look like in real life? James

LEADERS NOTE: We glorify God when we reflect His attributes. God is love, so when we demonstrate love to others we reflect His glory. God is merciful, so when we extend mercy to someone we reflect His glory.

Application:

Take a few moments and each person in the group share a practical way this upcoming week you can reflect God’s glory. Make a list

Make it your mission this week to put into practice the items listed.