

Introduction: Many people when they begin to look at life seriously, begin to ask questions about what life is all about. Within each one of us there is a need to know who we are – where we came from – and what is our purpose.

Despite our technological advances we still see all humanities problems remain unchanged. Daily our newspapers inform us of a downward spiral of violence, insecurity and morality. Often it seems that the very foundations of our society are being shaken and challenged. From family break up – to loss of stable employment, from crimes on the elderly to the violation of the innocent, people as never before are asking the question :- “*What is the meaning, what is the purpose of life?*”

Discussion: What do you think is the reason we are here? What do you think our purpose is?

What people say.....!

Some people say that there is no overall meaning to life, that everything including you and me is an accident of nature and at best our meaning is but to continue the species through procreation. With the continuing shadow of nuclear war hanging over us and scientists predicting numerous ways the world will end –

“What is the real hope, truth, security that we can put our trust in today?”

Within the Christian faith we find the answers to the tough questions of life. Within the Christian faith we find the real origin and purpose of **WHY** we as human beings were put on this earth.

Teaching point 1 : - “So why were we created?”

Despite what some scientists say, but cannot prove, the creation of humanity was not the result of some random accident of nature..

(**Illustrations: A**) If I filled your body up with dynamite and caused it to explode -what would be created? A mess!! So we are expected to believe that all the variety of life the intricacy of the creation was formed by an explosion at the beginning of time!

B) Explain that you are going to do a scientific experiment – ask someone if they have got a watch – get them to take it off and put it on the floor – then explain that what you are about to do – is stamp / or hit it with a hammer – on the watch until it is broken into a thousand pieces or so. Then say this is where the scientific part comes in – we are going to sit there until it puts itself back together again... **Point:** If a simple mechanical device cannot put itself together with help – how can the wonder and majesty of creation! (If you can plant a watch on someone before the meeting and actually go ahead and smash the watch up)

Christians believe that each person is a valuable part of a **Master Plan** which has been instigated by God. In Genesis Chapter 1 – 2 (in the bible) we are told that out of His creative mind God created the heavens and the earth. Once he had filled the world with life, He decided to create a being that would be the crown of His creation. This being would have the capacity to experience and value a relationship with the Creator in a unique way which the rest of creation could not have. So God created man and woman!!

What the Bible says:

Who Created us? - Genesis 1 v 1 says :- “ In the beginning **GOD** created the heavens and the earth.”

What did God think of His creation? - Genesis 1 v 31 “ God saw all that He had made and it was very Good.” - Here we see God declaring that all that he created is good and comes from a good root.

Teaching Point 2: “ What is our purpose?

God not only created you and me – but he has also given us a threefold purpose.

Firstly: to enjoy and experience a relationship with Him.

Secondly: To look after His creation responsibly.

Thirdly: To multiply and occupy the whole earth.

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