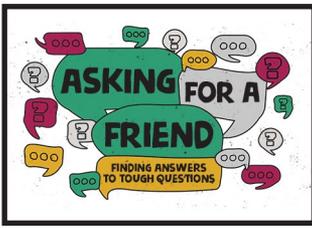


# MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP GUIDES



**“DOES MY LIFE  
HAVE PURPOSE?”**

**MAY 17, 2020**



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[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

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- He \_\_\_\_\_ in David's life (note Psalm 23:3).
- He \_\_\_\_\_ us (note Ephesians 1:6).

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Only when God is at the center of our \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives can we experience the warmth of His love and the light of His truth.

Our \_\_\_\_\_ setting = self-centeredness.

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And God's purpose for my life:

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How did Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ His glory to us?

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Instead of crushing us rebels, He was \_\_\_\_\_ for us (note Isaiah 53:5-6).

His glory is not a \_\_\_\_\_ glory; it is a giving, sacrificial glory \_\_\_\_\_ by genuine love.

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# DISCUSSION GUIDE

**ICEBREAKER** WHAT IS THE BEST “NO” YOU’VE EVER RECEIVED FROM SOMEONE ELSE?

1. **READ THROUGH PSALM 57** INCLUDING THE INTRODUCTION. PASTOR TOM EXPLAINED THAT THE PSALMIST, DAVID, WROTE THIS WHILE FLEEING FOR HIS LIFE. CONSIDERING HIS CIRCUMSTANCES, WHICH PHRASES STAND OUT MOST TO YOU, AND HOW DO YOU THINK YOU’D HAVE RESPONDED?
2. PASTOR TOM STATED THAT “WHEN YOU KNOW THAT GOD HAS A PURPOSE FOR YOU, THEN EVERYTHING YOU EXPERIENCE IN LIFE...WILL HAVE A TRANSFORMED MEANING.” HOW MIGHT DAVID’S UNDERSTANDING OF GOD’S PURPOSE FOR HIS LIFE IMPACTED HIS PERSPECTIVE? DO YOU FIND IT EASIER TO GO THROUGH HARD THINGS WHEN YOU KNOW THERE IS A PURPOSE IN IT? WHAT ABOUT WHEN YOU DON’T SEE ANY PURPOSE?
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6. IN HIS CONCLUSION, PASTOR TOM WARNED US NOT TO “MAKE THE MISTAKE SO MANY PEOPLE MAKE - JUST MAKE GOD A PART OF YOUR LIFE.” WHAT REAL NExT STEPS **WILL** YOU TAKE THIS WEEK TO MOVE OUT OF THE CENTER AND ALLOW GOD TO BE THE CENTER OF YOUR UNIVERSE?

**DAY 1:** **2 THESS. 1**

**DAY 2:** **2 THESS. 2**

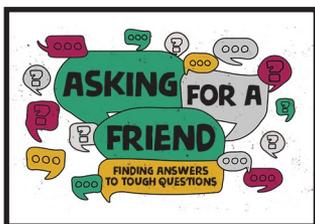
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**PERSONAL  
GUIDE**





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