

# WHY AM I HERE?

DISCOVER YOUR CALLING

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**Focus** God has a specific answer to the question, “*Why am I here?*” but He’s the only one who can give it to you.

**Fun** It’s hot, hot, hot in Texas right now! Start off your meeting with a cool popsicle.

### Review

**Key Scriptures:** Romans 1:1; 1 Samuel 16:10–12; 2 Samuel 11:1–2, 15:1–6, 25–26; Acts 13:36; Habakkuk 2:1–2

As Pastor Robert concludes the series, *Why Am I Here?*, he explains why it’s important to know our life calling, or our specific purpose for being on earth.

#### 1. Your purpose is not your position (*identity*).

There are seasons to fulfill your purpose. No matter what your purpose is, you will go through seasons, some of which you won’t like. Your purpose is not your job position at the time. You may not like your boss or your job, but it will pass; it’s just a season. Ask God what He is trying to teach you.

#### 2. Your purpose is not your provision.

Your job is not your provision. God is your provision. God provides everything we need at the right time. God is in control and is big enough to take care of it.

#### 3. Your purpose is your pursuit.

If you stop pursuing God’s purpose for your life, then you begin to look for meaning in other areas. You can’t find meaning in your career. You get it out of your relationship with God.

**\*Group Dynamics Idea\*** Prayer is one of the greatest things we can do for ourselves and for each other. Have each person commit to pray for another member of the group that month. If people are comfortable, have them identify specific prayer needs.

## Discuss

1. We all go through seasons in our lives, and you may be walking through one right now that you don't necessarily understand or like. God may be trying to teach you something. Examine your life in the season you are in. Have you opened yourself up to the signs God is trying to show you? What are some ways we can open ourselves up to hear and see the answers God has for us?
2. Read 2 Samuel 15:1–6; 25–26. Absalom was trying to provide a position and a purpose for himself. If you have to manipulate to get it, you'll have to manipulate to keep it. If God gives it to you, no one can take it from you. Are you allowing God to provide you with a position and purpose, or are you trying to create your own?
3. Sometimes we stop pursuing the purpose of God when we leave a season where we accomplished something. Often times we call this a mid-life crisis. Are you going through a change in seasons where you are unsure of what the next step is? Have you asked God what the next step is? What are some steps you can take to get back to God and ask Him what is next for you?
4. Pastor Robert shared that his purpose is to help people develop an intimate relationship with God. He accomplishes that purpose by preaching and teaching God's Word, inspiring pastors and leaders, and mentoring the next generation. Do *you* know why *you* are here and what God wants you to do? If yes, share a few things that helped you discover your purpose.
5. Whether you know exactly what your purpose is or you are still discovering your purpose, we were all born for a reason. What will be different in the world because you are here?

## Take Home

- Your purpose never changes.
- Promotion doesn't come from the east or the west, it comes from the Lord.
- No one can thwart your destiny but you.
- Don't confuse goals with purpose. Your purpose hasn't changed just because you've reached some goals.

**Pray** Lord, thank You that You provide all things. Lord, show us the purpose You have for each of us. Open our ears to hear, our eyes to see, and our hearts to receive the next season of life You have positioned us to walk through. Help us to continually stay in relationship with You so that as we complete goals, we never lose sight of our purpose. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**\*New Leader Tip\*** One of the hardest things Christians struggle with is discovering God's specific purpose for their lives. Take some time to get to know the members of your group and

encourage each one to write out his/her purpose as God reveals it. If you have members that are struggling with knowing their purpose, encourage them to take part in Gateway classes that focus on discovering identity and purpose.