

**MEMORY VERSE: Romans 12:2**

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

**ICEBREAKER****WHEN I AM 35**

What do you think your life looks like when you are 35? [Married/Single, Kids(#), Job, City, Type of Housing, Vehicle(s), Emotionally, Church involvement, Relationship with the Lord]

**OVERVIEW****BOTTOM LINE: MEANING | LIFE CHOICES**

In the Bible, we read, "God formed us with purpose," "Before we were born God knew us," and "God determine our steps," but do we actually believe these things? Do we practice that belief? How often do we seek the Lord for purpose and meaning in life? How often do we look to God as our Lord when we make decisions? Or do you find yourself making decisions and hoping that they aligns with the will of God?

**DISCUSSION****HOW DID YOU FEED YOUR SOUL?**• **TOPIC:**

- Where do you get your purpose and meaning in life? Think about the role your parents, teachers, friends, media, youth leaders, and scripture play when you consider this question.
- What is the purpose that God gives to all those who believe?

• **APPLICATION:**

- What do you think God has created you to do?
- What are the gifts God has created you with?
- How are you using your gifts right now?
- How do you make the decision weather you are going to do something? [Job, career, school, friends you spend time with, extracurricular school events, hobbies, attend church, read your bible, chores, do homework, skip school, drink alcohol, take drugs, tattoos/piercing, media you consume, spend your money, food you will eat, if/when you have a job]
- If God were to ask you to give up everything you ever dreamed of doing from the ice breaker question and to do something different with your life, do you think you would do it? Why or Why not?
- Does the way you use your talents, gifts, ability, time, and treasures reflect a heart to serve God or to serve yourself? In what ways?

**GENERAL**

- While you were reading the Word of God what did you learn?
- What is something that stuck out from the reading this week?
- What is something you learned that you didn't already know?
- What questions did you have from the reading?
- What did you study, research, or talk to others about as a result of the reading?

## HOW DID YOU FEED YOUR FLESH?

### • TOPIC:

- How does your life situation make it hard to believe that God loves you and has a purpose for you?
- Can you think of any people in the Bible that had a hard life but God used it for his glory?  
**Some examples: Joseph-Slavery and Prison--Genesis 50:20, Blind and lame people in the Bible--John 9**
- Who, if anyone, influences your view of your purpose? How does their input help or hinder your pursuit of God's purpose for you? What needs to be done about this?
- What in your life distracts you from your God-given purposes? What do you need to change?

## HOW DID YOU FEED OTHERS?

### • TOPIC:

- As a friend to believers, how are you challenging others to fulfill their purpose? Can you recognize the talents, abilities, and giftings present in the lives of your friends? How do you encourage to walk in these things?
- As a friend to believers, when should you speak up when you see a friend squandering their giftings, ability, time, or living in a way that opposes or distracts from their purpose?
- As a friend to non-believers, how could helping them examine their purpose, giftings, etc. point them to Jesus? How could you use a conversation like this for the gospel?

### GENERAL

- Throughout the week, what other sins were you tempted with that the Holy Spirit is showing you need to let go of? How can we pray for you and help you stay accountable to the Holy Spirit?
- How many times did you miss reading this week? If you didn't read this week, why? What can you change?

### GENERAL

- What specifically could you have done differently this week to share God's hope with someone this week?
- Did you feel stirred by the Holy Spirit to share your faith with a lost person or to encourage another believer this week and not do it? Why not?
- If you are not feeling led to share your faith or seeing chances to love others or ways to live more fully for the Lord, why do you think that is? What will you change?
- How did you encourage, teach or challenge another believer in their faith this week?



## CHALLENGE

- Watch tomorrow's VLOG
- Read your Bible every day this week
- Pray for someone in your life who doesn't know Jesus and for an opportunity to share Jesus with them.
- **This week**, spend some time examining your purpose, giftings, etc. Then consider how your life is currently fulfilling, opposing, or distracted from these things.
- **This week**, reach out to find a way to get involved and serving, using your gifts.
- **This week**, look at your use of time and eliminate something that distracts from your purpose and/or add something that fulfills it.
- Come back next week ready to talk about your week and **how you fed your SOUL | FLESH | OTHERS**



## TOPIC OVERVIEW

Week 1: E.G.A. - Truth: Relative vs. Absolute

Week 2: E.G.A. - Truth: Religions & Tolerance

Week 3: E.G.A. - Meaning: Life Choices

Week 4: E.G.A. - Identity: Gender Roles

Week 5: E.G.A. - Morality: Body is temple

Week 6: E.G.A. - Morality: Stumbling Block

Week 7: E.G.A. - Relationships: Sexuality, timing, purpose

Week 8: E.G.A. - Relationships: How far is too far?